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December 14, 2004

Selectmen Meeting Minutes –12/13/04

Present: M. Genest-Chairman, M. Oldershaw, and B. Pratt

Also in attendance: W. Prokop, S Chatfield, M. Pon, M. Beauchamp, C. Lunetta, S. Harding, P. Lamb, S. Baselice, E. Tenney, F. Barsanti, C. Rawnsley, A. Chapman, C. Leveque.

The selectmen voted to accept the minutes of the 12/06/04 meeting.

The first discussion was with the Water & Sewer Commissioners and Mr. Tenney regarding a water main break on Goodell Road. After some discussion it was agreed that the Town and the Water & Sewer commission would absorb the cost of repair on a 50%-50% basis. However, it was agreed that there is a need to get updated drawings, easements, and co-ordination between the commission, the building inspector, and other Town departments regarding all water and sewer lines within the district. No building permits will be issued within the district without a review with the Water and Sewer Department. The Town is looking into its mapping needs for Planning and Zoning, 911, Conservation, and assessing, etc. and these will be coordinated closely with the needs of Water & Sewer and our new Open Space Planning requirements. A meeting with the mapping company will be set up in January with representatives from all the above in attendance.

The selectmen then met with the Park and Recreation Commission for a second review of their budget request. The selectmen asked that the commission look hard at the planned expenditures to see where reductions can be made. The commission felt that there is a strong need for additional help and for providing additional programs. The commission expressed the opinion that we can no longer depend on volunteers to do a lot of the work because of the growth in our programs. The selectmen expressed concern regarding the proposed wage increases and the cost of an additional person. The commission will be meeting on Tuesday night, December 14, 2004, and will discuss the concerns and will present their final budget request on Monday night the 20th at 7:30 p.m. Regarding the warrant article request, it was agreed that the \$17,000 irrigation and the \$5,000 field maintenance will be combined into one article and it will state less any contribution from the Conval School District.

Chief Beauchamp reviewed his budget request with the selectmen. The selectmen would like to see the equipment request cut from \$10,000 to \$7500 and any other adjustments that the Chief thinks he can make. Regarding the capital request for a new fire truck the selectmen asked if the purchase could not be delayed for another year. The Chief felt that it is needed now due to brake and steering problems with the present truck. The Chief's proposal is that \$100,000 come out of the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund, and that the balance could be leased financed over a four year period. It is his suggestion that the Capital Reserve Fund be reduced to \$5,000 per year for the next 4 years (2005, 2006,

2007, 2008) this would enable the Town to have the Truck at No extra cost to the taxpayer and since there will be no need for another fire truck until 2013, the reduction in the capital fund until 2009 would not hinder the fire department. The Chief also felt that at that time we should be able to combine 2 truck into one new one, thus eliminating one vehicle.

The selectmen reviewed the administrative, highway, town clerk, and financial budgets and asked the Town Administrator to review them for possible reductions.

The selectmen reviewed various correspondence and signed the payroll and accounts payable for the week.

The selectmen will be meeting with the Library and the Park and Recreation Department on Monday the 20th for the finalization of their budget request.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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