

ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 29, 2007

In attendance, Bill Johnson, Dottie Munroe, Leo Janssens, Marie Zbikowski, Jamie Piedrafite and Ed Tree.

Also in attendance at the meeting, Donald Ouellette, Head of the Ashburnham Department of Public Works, Selectmen Jonathan Dennehy and Chris Gagnon.

This is the fourth session the Advisory Board has held to discuss FY'08 Town Budgets.

At this informational meeting with Don Ouellette, Head of the DPW we held a question and answer period pertaining to the Highway Department, Water/Sewer Department and the Municipal Grounds.

HIGHWAY, WATER/SEWER AND MUNICIPAL GROUNDS

A discussion with Don Ouellette DPW Head included a myriad of ideas, concepts, and suggestions.

The following are the areas which were discussed:

- Discussed salaries in each department.

- Discussed Capital Items, including the need for new and replacement trucks, also the need for a used Street Sweeper and Boom Mower.

- May need to bring back putting up "snow fences" where drifting snow is a problem.

- Don inform us of plans to repair the roads in town in order to extend the life of the roads.

- The Water/Sewer is in the process of replacing all water meters.

- The Department is working out problems for funding water lines.

- Mr. Ouellette would like to do a "model of water system".

- Discussed rate increases in the Water Dept. and also in the Sewer Dept. as there is a need to replace a pumps station.

RESERVE FUND REQUEST

Bill to speak with Kevin regarding a Reserve Fund request for \$1010. for flags, as we would like an explanation for this cost.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2007, at which time the Board will be meeting with the Council On Aging, AWRSD School Committee and Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School representative, Diane Swenson.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy J. Munroe, secretary