

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

OCTOBER 28, 2013

The Selectmen's meeting for Monday, October 28, 2013 started at 6:30 p.m. Present were Selectman Bussiere, Selectman Gaudiello, Selectman Hatch, Selectman Malloy, Chairman Clark, Administrator Scruton and Clerk McNeil.

Chairman Clark thanked everyone for coming and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPOINTMENTS

John Wallace – Mr. Wallace, representing the Conservation Commission, requested the Board's signatures on the following: adding the Leahy property to the SATWaSR property, the DRA Inventory of Property Transfer and the Conservation Easement Baseline Documentation Report. The Deed has been reviewed by the town's attorney. The Board approved and signed all three documents.

BUDGETS

Police – There has been a reduction in the benefits line down to an 11% increase. Chief Conway noted that the budget is almost the same as last year except for the salary and benefits line. There is an increase of 3% on the bottom line. Selectman Gaudiello noted that there isn't a lot to talk about in this budget. A new vehicle is also included in the budget as it is every year.

Library- Trustee, Ron St. Jean and Library Director, Amy Inglis presented this budget. This budget is up 1% from last year. Selectman Gaudiello stepped from her Selectmen's position to her trustee position. Mr. St. Jean noted the town's mission and vision statement as it pertains to the library budget. The library is a service organization and just doesn't house books – courses are offered, programs, use of public computers, summer reading programs, meeting space, homebound book delivery etc. They are proposing a level funded budget except for the benefits line. Their income through fines is down 19% because of the computer generated reminders to the patrons. There is an addition to the budget for six hours a week for a page. The ECLC does not have a library so the kindergarten uses the public library. The new page hours would free up the children's librarian.

Government Buildings – Paul Sanders presented this budget. There is no increase to this budget. Administrator Scruton thanked Mr. Sanders for completing the concerns from the safety inspection. There is an increase of 22% in the part-time hourly wage line. The hourly wage line increase also includes Mr. Sander's benefits that are billed from the school. The Building Maintenance line includes lighting upgrades and upgrades to conserve more electricity. There is still a lot of work that will be completed before the end of the year out of that line. The Board would like some supporting documentation of the building maintenance line. The vehicle fuel line is for all town vehicles. The Operating Supplies still has a lot of money in it as he stocks up in December.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

REVIEW OF MINUTES – October 21, 2013 – Selectman Gaudiello moved acceptance of the minutes, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Administrator Scruton noted a request from Child and Family Services Agency for \$1000 to be included in the 2014 budget. Sixteen families from Barrington have been helped through this agency in the amount of \$72,000. Selectman Gaudiello asked about their balance sheets and do they receive money the state or federal government.
2. General Assistance total yearly expenditures for rent and utilities from 2007 – 2012 were presented. The expenditures show a steady decrease over the years.

3. A breakdown of the Health Dept. Administration lines was presented including the following: Lamprey Health Care, Homemakers, Sexual Assault Support Services, Visiting Nurses, CASA, American Red Cross and A Safe Place.
4. A breakdown of the Vendor Contracts line was presented including the following: Harris, Avitar, Seacoast Computer, General Code, Depositions Unlimited, DeLage Landen, Reg. of Deeds, Cartographics and Total Notice.
5. The Library Trustees will be moving a small amount of money around between lines and adjusting them in the 2013 budget, without changing the bottom line.
6. Administrator Scruton updated the Board on numbers from the Health Trust. The school may be changing health insurance carriers. There is a meeting on Wednesday for the school to which the town has been invited.
7. Administrator Scruton asked for a formal vote from the Board regarding mosquito control. Selectman Bussiere moved to form a policy not to budget for mosquito control, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
8. The Department of Labor came up with a request to split the Personnel Plan into the Personnel Plan and a Safety Plan. A public hearing will be included on the November 4th agenda to address this change.
9. The Board previously discussed putting a sign up on Tolend Road regarding through trucking. As Tolend Road is also in Dover, it was decided that the signage would conflict with Dover's signage. The Board approved of placing a sign on Hansonville Road.
10. Administrator Scruton noted that the tax rate should be set this week.
11. Selectman Gaudiello and Selectman Malloy will be attending the NHMA annual meeting. Selectman Gaudiello will vote as Barrington's representative.
12. The server for cable TV has been ordered and we have received the \$10,000 from Metrocast.
13. Orchard Hill Road - The Court ruled that Orchard Hill Road is a town road by prescription. The Court leaves it to us to negotiate what the maintenance width will be for the Right of Way.
14. Administrator Scruton noted some proposed health insurance changes for Personnel Plan under the Affordable Care Act that will be required in 2014.

Clerk McNeil

1. The Board approved and signed vendor manifest dated 10/24 and payroll manifest dated 10/20.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Selectman Gaudiello stated that the School Board meeting is Tuesday evening.

Selectman Hatch noted that the next library trustee meeting is next week. The next ZBA meeting is in November. The steering committee for the review of the master plan is looking for members.

Selectman Bussiere attended the last Recreation meeting held October 21st.

Selectman Malloy attended the last planning board meeting where they discussed economic development in town and how to keep pen it. What is our organized effort to bring in business?

Twenty six properties were tax deeded and the town will move forward with the eviction process for those properties that are lived in.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.