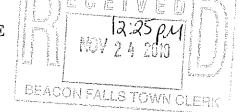
SERVICE AWARD COMMITTEE MEETING

NOVEMBER 18, 2010

(Draft Copy - Subject to Revision)



Chairman G. Shea called the Meeting of the Service Award Committee to order at 7:00 P.M. and asked for a moment of silence to remember those in service who had passed away.

PRESENT: G. Shea, M. Brennan, D. Sorrentino. E. Grace.

ABSENT: T. O'Connell, L. Krepinevich, E. Groth.

Temporary Secretary E. Grace read the October 28, 2010 Minutes.

Discussion.

- G. Shea suggested the wording on page 2, line 11 beginning "G. Shea compiled " and ending on line 12 Service Award be changed to " if the Ordinance change was in place this year, no one would have qualified for the tax abatement under the change, because everyone who could have qualified under the change qualified for the Service Award so they would have gotten the tax abatement anyhow".
- Line 27, page 2, "G. Shea noted there is a \$5.00 per month benefit for every five (5) years of service" delete "Five (5) years" to read one (1) year add "qualified" before the word service.
- Page 3, with paragraph beginning "discussion of using" add word not after the words "there is", so it reads "there is not a structure set up".

M. Brennan made motion to accept the minutes as revised, 2nd by G. Shea. Aye: G. Shea, M. Brannan, abstained: E. Grace, D. Sorrentino. Motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

OLD BUSINESS

1. G. Shea presented a draft copy of the letter the Service Award Committee requested at the October 28, 2010 Meeting be presented to Fire Chief Michael Pratt, letter was edited to add words "to suggest" after word "voted" and to delete the word "are" after the word "calls" and to add the word "should" after the word "calls".

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- D. Sorrentino made motion to edit the letter as suggested and for Chairman G. Shea to present the letter to Chief, 2nd by M. Brennan. All in favor.
- 2. Chairman G. Shea gave the floor to M. Brennan to discuss proposed revisions to the Tax Relief Ordinance. M. Brennan suggested we change page 4, number 10 "Permanent Earned Relief" (Lifetime) (new section) in the following manner: Delete a) "Individuals who reach" replace with:
 - a) Individuals who have completed 20 years of service as "Qualified Participant" of the "Service Award Plan" and have reached the age of 65 or greater shall receive a permanent annual tax abatement at the maximum benefit. This benefit will be passed on to the surviving spouse upon death of participant.
 - b) Individuals whom are currently collecting entitlement benefits from the "Service Award Plan as of the date the Ordinance change becomes effective shall qualify for this permanent earned relief.
- M. Brennan made motion to present the proposed tax abatement with the revisions suggested above by the Committee to the Board of Selectmen, 2nd by E. Grace. All in favor of motion. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

None.

There being no other business coming before the Committee, M. Brennan made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 P.M. 2nd by D. Sorrentino.

Respectfully submitted,

Edmond Grace (h)

Edmond Grace

Temporary Secretary for Service Award Committee – Meeting November 18, 2010

(typed by K. Wilson)