BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 3, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM. Present were Selectwoman Bik, Selectmen Catalano, Chamberland, Haughey and Dubois; Town Administrator Keyes; and Attorney Costello - Town Counsel.

Town Administrator Reports

There was discussion regarding the reorganization.

Review Special Town Meeting and Annual Town Meeting

Special Town Meeting - Mr. Keyes said the prior year bills are from 2011. Attorney Costello said the first 6 articles require a 9/10 vote and Articles 7 and 8 need a 2/3 vote. Mr. Keyes said the amount for Article 8 is roughly $80,000. Attorney Costello said the Town could deficit spend snow and ice and it could be taken out of free cash.

Annual Town Meeting - Mr. Keyes said Articles 1-3 are regarding the budget.

Mr. Keyes said Articles 4 and 5 are standard.

Mr. Keyes said Article 6 is regarding a stabilization fund for the school.

Mr. Keyes said Article 7 is regarding Blackstone Valley Vocational Tech.

Mr. Keyes said Articles 8 and 9 are regarding the reconstruction of public ways.

Mr. Keyes said Article 10 is regarding the feasibility study and would be funded from free cash.

Mr. Keyes said Article 11 is regarding eminent domain easements.

Mr. Keyes said Article 12 is regarding health insurance for retirees. Attorney Costello said this would be a majority vote.

Mr. Keyes said Article 13 is regarding a Command Vehicle for the Fire Chief and would be funded from free cash.

Mr. Keyes said Article 14 is regarding the ambulance and would be funded from the ambulance fund. There was discussion about conducting an audit when the new Collector/Treasurer takes office.

Article 15 is regarding a revolving fund for the Library.

Mr. Keyes said Article 16 is regarding the replacement of water meters and would be funded from the water account. Attorney Costello said it would have to be a 2/3 vote if they are borrowing money.

Mr. Keyes said Article 19 will also be funded from the water account, it would be borrowed and a 2/3 vote is needed.

Mr. Keyes said Articles 17 and 18 are for the purchase of two dump trucks with plows. Article 17 will be funded 50% from free cash, 40% from sewer and 10% from water; Article 18 will be funded from free cash.

Mr. Keyes said Article 20 will be determined by grant availability. Attorney Costello said they would borrow funds and will need to specify in the motion the mechanism of funds.

Mr. Keyes said Article 21 is regarding Well 9 and is being funded from previously authorized funding for Well 8. Attorney Costello said funds can be transferred if a project is not completed or was aborted and it needs a 2/3 vote.

Mr. Keyes said Articles 22 and 23 are funded by the sewer fund.

Mr. Keyes said Article 24 will be paid from the Recycling Enterprise Fund.

Mr. Keyes said Mr. Walsh will speak about Article 25 (solar photovoltaic) at the televised meeting. Attorney Costello said a 2/3 vote is needed.

Mr. Keyes said the Assessor’s Office will discuss Article 27 at the televised meeting.

Mr. Keyes said Articles 28 is $55,000 for lights and Article 29 is $30,000 for the pavilion roof at Roosevelt Park and both articles will be funded with free cash.

Mr. Keyes said Police Chief Atstupenas will look into homeland security monies for Article 30. He said this would be funded out of free cash and then they will seek reimbursement.

Mr. Keyes said Article 31 is regarding the Village Overlay District.

Mr. Keyes said Article 32 is regarding solar removal fees, the Selectmen will sign off on the permits and public hearings will be mandatory.

Mr. Keyes said Article 33 is regarding the Stretch Energy Code.

Mr. Keyes said Article 34 is regarding the stabilization fund.

Ms. Bik made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 PM, seconded by Mr. Haughey.

Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Milliken