

Dunstable Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes, Monday February 7, 2011

Called to order 7:00pm. Present Kevin Welch, Ken Leva, and Walter Alterisio.

The board was joined by Chief Downes and Lt Dow for a discussion of the police Budget for 2011-2012. Among the items were increases in police overtime. The increase reflects an attempt to service all shifts with two officers which has been a challenge during the current budget – knocked overtime budget from \$177K to \$117K up from \$88K last year. Approved chief's request for replacing flooring in police station.

There was a general review of other line items and the support for adjustments. An area needing review is assignment of expenses to accounts established by the current reporting system. Matching actual expenses to budget for 2010-2011 as of 12/31/2010, there were some variances which made tracking cumbersome. Over all the police budget was on track.

Additional areas of need included the replacement of the flooring at the station. The consensus was to replace as opposed to repair over an undetermined number of layers.

A proposed purchase of a specialized system designed to read license plates to be installed in cruisers was discussed as a potential article since it reflects a one-time expense with no recurring costs other than general maintenance.

The board was visited by representatives of AFLAC Insurance program. Benedict Mason and Nancy Sherman outlined a disability program for the town employees should they have short term issues that would not qualify for workman's compensation. The program would be an elective by the employee and would be paid through payroll deduction. The board gave support to the program that would allow representatives to present the program to individuals or groups.

Alan Chaney proposed a site walk through for logging on the River Street property with the prospective company that would be selected to do the work.

The board reviewed correspondence with regard to a purchase of land by a state agency wanting to preserve the area as protected for environmental purposes. Specifically an area along Depot Street commonly referred to as the Beagle Property. The board presented a counter proposal which Alan Chaney will follow up.

The board was visited by members of the Advisory Board to review how the budget process was proceeding.

There were 5 financial warrants reviewed and approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Submitted by Walter Alterisio, Member

Approved by Board of Selectmen 04-11-2011