

Present: Dan Devlin, and Walt Alterisio member. Chairman Ken Leva was absent. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Devlin at 7:20pm.

The Board was joined by Chief Brian Rich who presented the proposed 2013-2014 budget for the fire and ambulance services. The overall increase would be 7.65% over the current appropriation. This includes a wage adjustment for per call volunteer and the Chiefs salary. Our on call rates are significantly lower than area towns and if we are to retain volunteers we must respond with competitive rates. After a year's experience the Chief has determined his time is averaging 47hrs./week. A comparison with area Chiefs compensation a modest increase is supported. Currently Dunstable is experiencing a call volume of 239/yr as opposed to Pepperell's 530. Other elements of the budget remains level funded.

Town Counsel was present and mentioned the initiative to change Tax Collector and Treasurer may not need to petition the legislature, and could be accomplished within the format of annual town meeting and a ballot question at the annual elections. The matter of RFP for a salt shed by the Board of Road Commissioners was discussed. What was requested does not comply with Chapter 149 MGL dealing with public buildings having a total investment exceeding \$100K. Any company not being considered or receiving the award could challenge the action of the commissioners. We agreed to follow up with NMCOG to review the submission and what if anything the town should do. The Advisory Board and the elective status with the existing town bylaw was discussed. Language is being prepared to resolve the issue for town meeting approval.

Warrants were reviewed and signed. Meeting was adjourned 8:05 pm.

Submitted by Walter Alterisio,
Clerk