

The Board's meeting came to order at 4:25 pm at the Fremont Town Hall, main floor meeting room. Present were Selectmen Annmarie Scribner, Greta St Germain and Brett Hunter, and Town Administrator Heidi Carlson. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Copies of the Social Service Agency budget requests (Vendor Payments 4445) were distributed to members to review.

An updated copy of the Highway Department budget with the Board's recommendations from last week was also distributed.

With regard to the Fire Rescue Budget, copies of the updated Points/LOSAP historical document and the Fire Chief's job description were distributed.

There was discussion about a warrant article for replacement of SCBA's. Chief Butler was working on a quote, these units are approximately \$5,500 each and a full contingent is 16 units. There is discussion about a Warrant Article in each of the next two years for 8 units each year.

Selectmen re-reviewed the notes from the last meeting regarding the LOSAP request of \$55,000. Of this, there are currently 19 members who qualify; of which 9 are at the \$3000 level FF2 and EMT (\$27,000); 2 at \$2,500 First Responder and FF2 (\$5,000); 6 at \$1,500 (\$9,000) could be either an EMT or a FF; and 2 at \$1,000 (\$2,000), with a couple more members who will be eligible in 2013 (either have met the 3 year minimum or increased their certification level).

They are also leaving an allowance for a couple more people who might make it in 2013 but did not quite make it in 2012.

Selectmen reviewed and discussed recommendations on each of the line items. They would bring New and Replacement Fire Equipment down to reflect a warrant article going in for replacement SCBA's. It was acknowledged that there may still be other equipment to buy, but there is no detail on what is needed. This is on the list of questions for Chief Butler in follow-up. They discussed leaving it at \$1 until there is rationale for other new and replacement equipment needed.

The Board asked for a replacement schedule for major pieces of equipment so that adequate planning can be done for these larger items. Hunter said that Department-wide gear accountability/inventory was underway.

The Board asked for additional information on the cost of a full set of fire gear and the number of sets planned for purchase in 2013; the cost of a full set of EMS gear and the number of sets planned for purchase in 2013; and the number of first in bags to be purchased. The Board asked that the references to historical information be removed and that the rationale be updated with defined proposals for 2013 purchases.

The Board decided to leave the recommendation on the Fire Rescue (4220) budget at the 2012 default level until further information and detail is received. Chief Butler will attend the Budget Committee meeting tomorrow evening to review the budget with the Committee.

The Board then discussed the Town Clerk's resignation with regard to follow-up and options. There was discussion about part-time offers from other clerical assistants as well as information for a contractor from MRI to come in (a retired town clerk).

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The Board will wait for a few more days to see what resumes may come in for the positions. The Board asked Carlson to update the website for the immediate opening of a Deputy Town Clerk. Both positions are also posted on the jobs section of the Town Website.

Selectmen received a letter of interest for the posted election worker Decide to offer an election worker position to the applicant received this week. Carlson will make contact with him. The Supervisors of Checklist have already made arrangements for a meeting this week to appoint Dennis Buteau, who had applied about a week ago for the vacancy.

Steve Tomasz came by the meeting to drop off a copy of the engineering plan he had used while working on the North Road stone wall. The work is complete and Jones and Beach was out today to verify the property line, place drill holes and iron rods where needed.

With no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by Hunter and seconded by St Germain to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Carlson
Town Administrator