

I. CALL TO ORDER at 6:05 pm. Present were Selectmen Brett Hunter, Gene Cordes, and Leon Holmes Sr; and Town Administrator Heidi Carlson.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is a work session of the Board.

III. LIAISON REPORTS

Cordes and Carlson attended the SRRDD 53B Meeting last evening in Rye. The District is deciding on acceptance of quotes for the tipping on MSW. The RFP yielded more competitive pricing for tipping fees than the District is currently paying, but the Towns of Hampton and South Hampton are considering opting out of the District, which would change the tonnage volume.

The tipping fee with Waste Management is cheaper if there are at least 4,000 tons annual from the District towns, and even cheaper at 8,500 tons annually. The RFP pricing ranged from \$68.50 to \$60.25 per ton with Waste Management. The other two bidders were lower, but are not an option for Fremont given the current hauling contract. Every town has individual hauling arrangements which can potentially alter the total costs of waste removal.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday November 12, 2104 for further discussion on the same topic, and to see if Towns can get a read from their respective Boards of Selectmen.

There was discussion about the Town's contract terms, and in response to the 53B RFP responses, Cordes moved that the Town of Fremont accept the proposal of Waste Management and where they (WMI) take the trash is at their discretion (either Rochester or North Andover). Holmes Sr seconded and the vote was unanimously in favor 3-0.

The Board asked for this vote information to be emailed to Jane Ireland in preparation for the November meeting.

Holmes Sr attended the Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting on Tuesday 09/30/2014. Frank Catapano was present regarding well lines that are within the 100' wetland setback; and Tom Fraser is working on a Special Exception for property at 99 Louise Lane for a wetlands setback.

Hunter attended the Planning Board meeting on Wednesday 10/01/2014. The Board primarily worked on Zoning amendments for the 2015 Town Meeting, and had an administrative meeting.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action on minutes of 25 September 2014 was deferred to next week.

V. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

6:45 pm Public Input - none

7:00 pm Department Heads - none

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. This week the Town received an updated price for the purchase of a new fire truck from the manufacturer that we have been working with over the past five or six years. The amount of the truck is \$470,455 and several more items have been cut to keep the price at the same level as last year, despite approximately 4% inflation.

The Board is still considering a Warrant Article for the entire purchase (less \$175,000 in Capital Reserve) versus a bond issue. The Board feels that it is a good idea to try and get the idea in front of voters, and explain the one time increase in the tax rate.

This led to discussion on other Warrant Article proposals, including the Library Trustees request for \$3,500 to be placed in an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Fremont Public Library Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of funding needed repairs and maintenance to the Fremont Public Library. They are proposing that the Library Trustees be named as agents to expend.

The Board also discussed Capital Reserve funding for different funds. We need to continue to plan for the next fire truck, and money will also be needed to replace funds spent in 2015 on the recertification process. Department Heads will be contacted to gather numbers on additional CRF funding requests for the 2015 Warrant.

2. Selectmen reviewed General Journal Transaction # 22 for \$1,467.03 from 4210301 to 4210207. This concludes the training period for Officer Morelli. Cordes moved to approve the transaction as outlined. Holmes Sr seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

3. Budget follow-up:

a. In response to a request from the Budget Committee, Selectmen agreed to separate out Police Chief wages from PD Patrol Wages.

b. Selectmen reviewed updated information from the Parks & Recreation Commission Chair regarding revenue sources and potential changes to a fee schedule for next years program, in order to support budget recommendations for an increase in pay for more experienced counselors. Selectmen reviewed the information and made minor changes to the revenue projection for the program, and reviewed line items in the budget to come to a final recommendation. It is noted that the revenue in 2014 fully funded the Camp Fremont Program.

The wage line for Assistant Directors was increased by \$1,000 to \$5,000; and the Counselors wage line increased to \$9,700. This would represent wage increases of up to \$1 per hour for more experienced counselors to support the program. The facilities and grounds line was reduced by the \$3,000 included for the playground fencing as additional quotes are currently being solicited in order to get this completed in 2014 with remaining funds. The Board can support a new lawn mower as we need one, and a zero-turn is anticipated to reduce labor costs by mowing far more efficiently.

With the changes made, motion was made by Cordes to recommend \$50,950 for Parks & Recreation appropriation, and to recommend \$29,000 in revenue with some changes to the revenue scheme for 2015 by adjusting fees upward slightly. Hunter seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

c. Two fencing quotes for the playground fence replacement have been received, and two additional vendors are due out in the next week to 10 days to provide further estimates. With the goal of completing this work this construction season, motion was made by Cordes to authorize up to \$4,200 for the most

responsible fence quote that can be done this calendar year. Hunter seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

4. Selectmen discussed the return of contribution for 2010-2011 health insurance premiums. Carlson is again completing a spreadsheet of these returns to determine what portion is due to employees or former employees, and what portion was town-funded. The Board suggested refunding everyone, and not to alter the withheld portion of current premiums for current employees. These will be calculated and completed as soon as possible.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Selectmen reviewed the accounts payable manifest \$36,034.94 for the current week dated 03 October 2014. Motion was made by Cordes and seconded by Holmes Sr to approved \$36,034.94 for the current manifest. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

2. Selectmen reviewed bills and invoices for payment.

3. Selectmen reviewed the folder of incoming correspondence. This included a letter from Fred Lindahl that he will not continue his LRAC position beyond its expiration in the beginning of 2015.

4. Budgets for review and recommendation:

General Government Buildings Request \$91,669 reduced from \$93,364 initial request
Selectmen reviewed the budget, which includes maintenance to all Town Buildings, aside from the Library. There are new heating costs for the Highway Shed, and some long-overdue repair work at the historic building at 282 Main Street (roof and tree work).

Information nor a price quote has been sought from the Library roof vendor at this point, regard whether additional roofing work needs to be budgeted for completion in 2015. (This would go in the library budget). Funding has been identified in the Government Buildings budget for the balance of the Library roof repairs in 2014, in addition to \$2,750 encumbered for Library painting and \$4,000 reserved by the Trustees within the Library budget.

Selectmen reviewed the budget and discussed the Town's need for an additional lawnmower as well as a trailer to haul the trailer proposed within the Parks & Recreation budget for use at the larger town building lawns. At least one additional push mower is needed as well.

Motion was made by Cordes to recommend \$91,669 for Government Buildings. Hunter seconded and the vote was approved 3-0. The default budget is slightly less at \$88,839.

Emergency Management Request \$4,000
The Selectmen reviewed a budget put together by the Town Administrator. The EMD had no time to submit one. It is similar to the current year budget, which is not yet completely spent out.

Motion was made by Holmes Sr to recommend \$4,000 for Emergency Management. Hunter seconded and the vote was approved 3-0.

5. Health Officer Robert Meade and Deputy Health Officer Carla Smith have completed their reappointment forms for NH DHHS. Cordes moved for the Board to execute the NH DHHS forms for the Department of Public Health to appoint Robert Meade as Health Officer and Carla Smith as Deputy Health Officer. Holmes Sr seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

Approved 10/09/2014

6. A least one Selectman will participate in the Wreaths Across America Ceremony on Saturday December 13th at the Town Hall. Everyone included the date on their calendar.

7. Carlson shared with the Board some details on the RFP for cabling and equipment for CATV access that has been proposed by Kevin Woods and Bruce White for the Fremont CATV room setup. This will be put together as soon as possible and sent out to qualified vendors.

Carlson also extended to the Board, the invitation from Woods for Selectmen to go and see the studio setup in Raymond to get a better idea of what the proposal includes. The Board will shoot for Monday evening November 3, 2014 after the voting setup to see the Raymond studio.

VIII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION NH RSA 91-A

The next regular Board meeting will be a work session, to be held on Thursday October 9, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – Motion was made by Cordes to adjourn the meeting at 8:200 pm. Hunter seconded and the vote was

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Carlson
Town Administrator