

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WORK SESSION MINUTES
January 19th, 2007**

The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen called a work session to order at 10 a.m. in the Upper Town Hall Conference Room.

Present: Dwight Jones, Chairman
Ron Gehl, Selectman
Peter Rhoades, Selectman

April Whittaker, Town Administrator and Recorder

The Board met with Chief Shawn Bernier.

Motion Jones, Second Gehl to enter into non public session under the terms and conditions of RSA 91A : 3 II c at 10:03 am, vote 3 – 0.

Roll Call: Jones ~ yes, Gehl ~ yes, and Rhoades ~ yes.

The board met with the Chief regarding a personnel issue and clarity on hiring practices.

Motion Gehl, second Rhoades, to return to regular work session, vote 3 – 0.

The board returned to regular session at 11:00 am in order to give final review to Account 4915 Capital Reserves.

Following discussion, the board voted unanimously to approve the following:

To set up a new reserve to be called:

- Municipal Facilities Land Acquisition \$50,000

Other Reserves

- Highway Truck CRF \$75,000
- Highway Equipment CRF \$40,000
- Library Facilities CRF \$ 3,000 (New)
- Library Technology CRF \$ 2,000 (New)
- Solid Waste Bldg Addition CRF \$ 9,000 (New)
- Solid Waste Equipment CRF \$ 6,000 (New)
- Police Cruisers CRF \$15,145
- Meetinghouse Restoration CRF \$20,000
- Fire Trucks CRF \$50,000
- Tax Maps CRF \$20,000

➤ Highway Bldg Addition CRF	\$25,000 (New)
➤ Davis Crossing Culver CRF	\$10,000
➤ Sidewalks CRF	\$ 5,000 (New)
➤ Revaluation CRF	\$20,000
➤ Total	\$350,145

The Board discussed the work of the Fire Station Task Force and the proposals (see enclosed copies) as put forth as recommendations to the Board of Selectmen.

The board reluctantly agreed that the provision for a satellite station facility in the second division would have to be placed on the back burner pending decisions re the current fire station.

The board determined to place “on hold” the question of funding the New Fire Station Capital Reserve with another payment to the reserve; preferring instead to place additional money into the Expendable Town Buildings Trust for providing improvements to the existing station up to \$50,000. The board felt strongly that site acquisition had to be determined and secured before consideration of a new fire facility or some other combination thereof.

The board favored setting up a new Capital Reserve for Land Acquisition for Municipal facilities in the amount of \$50,000 recognizing that most landowners are aware of the funding and town meeting vote for acquisition. Also the board pointed out that a prerequisite to land acquisition would require wetlands delineation in the first instance for determination of usable land and test borings prior to any agreement for acquisition purposes.

The board was hopeful that the Fire Station Task Force would be able to provide a dollar value for the new fire station proposal as conceived by the committee and submitted to Horne Construction for pricing purposes. It was generally agreed that the cost would also be a determining factor for future decisions.

Mrs. Whittaker was requested to check up on the status of parcel of land.

There being no further business, motion Rhoades, second Gehl, to adjourn, vote 3 – 0. The meeting adjourned at 1:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted
April Whittaker