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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

February 23, 2012

Approved on April 11, 2012

A meeting of the Orleans Board of Selectmen was held on Thursday, February 23, 2012 on the Nauset Room of the Town Hall. Present were Chairwoman Margie Fulcher, Vice-Chairman Sims McGrath Jr., Clerk Jon R. Fuller, Selectman David M. Dunford, Selectwoman Susan B. Christie, Town of Orleans Director of Municipal Finance David Withrow, Town Administrator John Kelly, Assistant Town Administrator Myra Suchenicz, Police Chief Jeff Roy, Deputy Police Chief Scott McDonald and Recording Secretary Kristen Holbrook.

Call to order: (00:00:12)

Chairwoman Fulcher called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

Vote to adopt health insurance plan design changes and proceed with PEC negotiations on proposed mitigation plan: (00:00:16)

Mrs. Fulcher recused herself from the meeting and left the room.

Town Administrator John Kelly presented the Board with information on the Health Insurance reform laws.

On a motion by Mrs. Christie, and seconded by Mr. Fuller, the Board voted to adopt the health insurance plan designs as approved by the Cape Cod Municipal Healthcare Group and proceed with Public Employee Committee negotiations on proposed mitigation plan. The vote was 4-0-0.

Chairwoman Fulcher rejoined the meeting at 4:12 PM.

Continue Review of FY2013 Budget: (00:04:30)

The Board met with Town of Orleans Police Chief Jeff Roy and Deputy Police Chief Scott McDonald for the review of the Police Department's proposed FY2013 budget.

Chief Roy explained that one of the major changes in his budget reflects the change in pay for special police officers. This change gives an incentive for special officers to return as they will receive credit for previous service to the Town of Orleans.

Chief Roy informed the Board that for the past 2 years there has been an open position for a Detective Sergeant that has been bogged down in union negotiations. He would like to make that a Sergeant position and then post an open position for a detective.

On a motion by Mr. Dunford, and seconded by Mr. Fuller, the Board voted to authorize the Chief of Police to proceed with the promotions for a new Sergeant in the Police Department. The vote was 5-0-0.

In regards to the Police Building Budget, Chief Roy informed the Board that there are no changes to the budget. He further explained that the insulation project has been completed and the Town is currently awaiting the Scope of Work for the roof repair. Mr. Kelly added that the outstanding projects are listed on the Building Facilities Maintenance Plan and more information will be provided at the presentation meeting with the consultants on March 14, 2012.

Mrs. Fulcher suggested that Mr. Kelly and Mr. Withrow prepare a brief overview of the budget for presentation at the Board of Selectmen meeting on May 2, 2012. All members of the Board were agreeable to the suggestion.

During the budget review Mr. Kelly informed the Board that he is not comfortable with reducing the Town's fuel budget at this time, due to the volatile nature of oil pricing.

On a motion by Mr. Dunford, and seconded by Mr. Fuller, the Board voted to level fund the Fuel Budget for FY2013. The vote was 5-0-0.

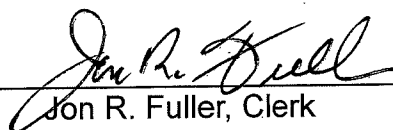
The Board discussed the process for withdrawing from the Old King's Highway Regional Historic District. Mr. Kelly explained that, should the Board wish to move in that direction, it would be a multi-year process, beginning with a Town Meeting Article. Mr. Fuller felt that the Board should place the Article on the warrant and allow the voters to decide the course of action. Mr. Dunford felt that there was not sufficient time to add such an article and that the Board should have more discussion over the summer. Mr. McGrath requested time to review the material and complete research. The Board decided that a discussion of this topic will be placed on a future agenda, after the Annual Town Meeting.

Adjourn: (01:34:40)

On a motion by Mr. Fuller, and seconded by Mr. Dunford, the Board voted to adjourn.
The vote was 5-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristen Holbrook


Jon R. Fuller, Clerk