

**Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen
Approved Meeting minutes
Budget Hearings
October 13, 2010**

Members present: Chairman Linda Murray, Vice-Chairman Sarah Silk, Chuck Storm, Dave Senecal and Marge Webster

Staff present: Town Manager David W. Owen, Fire Chief Phillip Morrill, Police Chief Stu Chase, Police Lieutenant Dean Rondeau and Recording Secretary Amelia Capone-Muccio

Chairman Murray called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM in the Community Center.

Non-Public Session RSA 91-A: 3II

Mr. Owen stated a non-public session is not needed.

Public Input

Lawreen Strauch joined the Board for discussion and read her statement of concern regarding an incident involving her son, Wolfeboro Police Officer Michael Strauch. (*See attached statement*)

David Strauch stated that he has spoken to many people within the community and no one has expressed any negative feedback regarding this issue, but would like to see the situation resolved for the black out areas.

Susan Strauch stated this incident happened only a short distance from her home and expressed her concern of the kind of people out there and that they need to help keep these officers safe. She asked the Board to please consider addressing the issue.

Chairman Murray thanked them for expressing their concerns and stated they would like to find a solution to the problem.

Ms. Silk stated that there are many towers available for mounting repeaters and referred to her notes on possible locations. (*See attached document #2*). She stated that she and Lakes Region Repeater Association would donate any needed tower.

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Public Safety

➤ ***Police***

Chief Chase, Lieutenant Rondeau, Police Commissioner Joe Balboni and Chairman of the Commission Curt Pike joined the Board for discussion.

Chief Chase gave an open summary explaining they provided budgets based on the directive and included narratives explaining the budget requests.

Chairman Murray questioned line 1-42100-118 Summer Salaries and amount expended to date.

Chief Chase replied they had a late start getting the Traffic/Parking Officers started for the season. He noted an increase in line 1-42100-380 Outside Services due to the need for storage of documents that can no longer be stored above the Public Safety building.

Ms. Silk questioned if they would be renting this storage unit.

Chief Chase replied that they currently are renting a pod to store the evidence during the ADA construction and hope to keep that unit and use it for the document storage when the construction is complete.

Ms. Webster questioned if they have considered purchasing a pod rather than owning one.

Chief Chase replied the Lieutenant has been exploring the options and they may be able to rent to own it. He explained the increase in line 1-42100-560 Dues & Subscriptions is due to the fact it has been under funded.

Chairman Murray questioned the expenditure to date in line 1-42100-610 General Operating Supplies.

Chief Chase replied they will be expending the line for ammunition. He stated line 1-42100-740 Machinery & Equipment shows and increase for the purchase of two radar units, but noted he would get a 50% reimbursement for that. He also noted that line 1-42100-810 Travel & Meetings has been increased to a more realistic figure and the same with 1-42100-850 Misc Operating Expenses.

Ms. Silk questioned the donated vehicle that was used for travel.

Chief Chase replied it was out of service for repairs, but has since has been back on line.

General Government-Technology for Police

Mr. Chamberlain stated they would be replacing their computers on a replacement plan to get them up to date and will get three in this budget.

Chief Chase stated they had a review of their systems done and now they have a plan to move forward with.

Chairman Murray suggested including the back up information in this section.

➤ *Communications*

Chief Chase stated that line 1-42990-390 Other Purchased Services shows an increase for the service contract. He noted that line 1-42990-432 Communications Maintenance shows an increase due to the need to replace the relay switches.

Mr. Senecal questioned if the budget dealing with the repeaters would be included in this budget.

Chief Chase replied it would but he was directed to look into seeking federal funds for the project, since it will cost approximately \$200,000 to make upgrades to the areas not covered.

Mr. Senecal stated that this is not a new issue and feels the time has come to do something about it.

Chairman Murray pointed out costs over \$100,000 are usually put out as a Warrant Articles.

Mr. Owen stated a proposal was done in 2007 for a feasibility study which he recalls was costly.

Chairman Murray replied that in 2005 they had work done to identify the areas that needed to be addressed but unfortunately the project was not done due to a default budget.

Ms. Webster stated this project has to be done; they can not put it off due to cost because you can not put a cost on an Officer's life.

Commissioner Balboni agreed.

Commissioner Pike stated that this is not only a Police issue, but Fire, Highway and Electric as well.

Chairman Murray suggested the Police Commission review the proposal and then to forward it to the Board of Selectmen for a suggested Warrant Article.

Ms. Silk stated that she hoped they would take into consideration her suggestions made for the towers.

Health

➤ *Animal Control*

Ms. Silk questioned if the coverage is working with having one less officer.

Chief Chase replied it is.

Public Safety

Chief Morrill joined the Board for discussion.

➤ *Fire/Rescue*

Chairman Murray questioned line 1-42200-380 Hydrant fee and if enough funds are budgeted based on Mr. Ford's last presentation of the rates.

Mr. Owen replied that it doesn't cover the full amount, but the goal has been to increase it gradually over time.

Chairman Murray suggested revisiting this line and discussing it with Mr. Ford.

Mr. Senecal questioned line 1-42200-381 Outside Services and thought that they would be doing away with the fire boxes.

Chief Morrill replied not at this time, some of them would be discontinued, but not all of them. He stated they would be going out to give them a facelift with painting and such.

Mr. Senecal questioned who shovels them out.

Chief Morrill replied they do.

Chairman Murray questioned the expenditure to date on line 1-42200-430 Vehicle Maintenance.

Chief Morrill replied they would be encumbering those funds.

Chairman Murray questioned the expenditure to date for line 1-42200-435 Building Maintenance.

Chief Morrill replied they have an estimate for repairs to the substation and will expend the funds.

General Government-Technology for Fire/Rescue

Chairman Murray suggested including the back up information.

Mr. Chamberlin replied he would add the back up information for all the budgets.

Public Safety

➤ *Public Safety Building*

Ms. Silk questioned line 1-42901-435 Building Maintenance.

Chief Morrill replied that they have encumbered \$6,000 and then still have the energy upgrades. He also pointed out that the annual cleaning hasn't been done yet due to the ongoing construction project.

Ms. Silk questioned line 1-42901-638 Propane.

Mr. Chamberlin replied that he would recalculate that line.

➤ *Emergency Management*

Mr. Senecal questioned if the State requires them to have meetings yearly.

Chief Morrill replied the Emergency Operations Plan is reviewed annually and the Hazard Mitigation Plan is reviewed every five years.

Ms. Silk noted they have yet to have the dam event.

Capital Outlay General Fund

- *01-49609-730 Pave Fire Substation 2011***
- *01-49609-740 2010 Fire Hose Replacement***
- *01-49606-760 Public Safety Building Repairs 2011***

Any Other Business

Chairman Murray stated they have received a request from Tom Bickford to hold a Public Meeting on his termination of employment from the Fire Department. She stated based on the date of such letter they need to schedule this meeting in the next 10 business days.

The Board agreed to hold a Public Meeting at Tom Bickford's request on October 21, 2010 at 7 PM at the Community Center.

Chairman Murray questioned if they Board would agree to have the meeting video taped as requested by Mr. Bickford.

The Board agreed that Mr. Bickford could record the meeting as needed.

Questions from the Public

Tom Bickford stated that in regards to the paving of the substation, such is needed especially during the rainy season.

Questions from the Press

None.

Being no further business before the Board, Chairman Murray entertained a motion to adjourn.

Member Dave Senecal moved the Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen to adjourn at 8:30 PM. Member Marge Webster seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Amelia Capone-Muccio

Recording Secretary