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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
11/30/09

Selectmen Present: Mark Andrew, John Fucci, Janice Mulherin
Administrative Assistant: Anne Dow
Secretary: Janet Sherburne

Public: Carl Spring,
Advisory Board Members: John Bagley, Jerry Thibodeau, Mike Lonigro

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Junkyard: Mark would like to make sure that the existing junkyards are followed up on to make sure certain areas do not get worse and clean-up continues.

Buffalo Road Washout: Janice is going to meet with someone from DES this week to discuss the washout and see what can be done.

Emergency Management: Bill Taffe reported that there were no emergencies during this weekends wind storm. He is looking for someone to serve as Assistant Emergency Management Director while he is away this winter.

BUDGETS:

Linda Whitcomb- Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Linda presented her budget to the board. A line item has been added for Avitar Software Support. This charge used to be included in the Financial Administration budget, but is now being split between the two departments. The board discussed back-up for Linda in case of illness or an emergency. Linda explained that there would be help from other towns if necessary and also from Avitar for tax collecting.

Anne Dow- Administrative Assistant: The following budgets were reviewed:

Executive-

Supervisors of the Checklist- which includes an increase because there are three elections in 2010.

Financial Administration – Technical Support was discussed. There are two options available. The standard contract is \$1,750 which includes basic support and anything beyond the basic support would be billed at \$100/hour. The Premier package is \$4,350. The board discussed this and agreed to put \$4,350 in the budget at this time. Anne explained to the board that a computer will be needed in the meeting room for the public to use to access Avitar for tax cards. Gerry Thibodeau offered to donate a computer. Anne will check with Certified Computer to make sure the computer is compatible with the network.

Revaluation – There is currently \$60,000 in the Capital Reserve Account. The board agreed to continue to put \$10,000 in the account.

Legal –

Planning Board –

Code Enforcement – The board discussed whether to decrease this item to \$8,500 or keep it at \$10,000. The board agreed to keep it at \$10,000 based on the support this warrant article received at town meeting last year.

General Government Buildings-

Insurance/Liability-Workers Compensation

Dues and Subscriptions –

Health Agencies/Direct Assistance – The board discussed the services provided by the different agencies. After discussion, the board will hold the amounts budgeted for last year. The board asked Anne to send a letter to the agencies asking for revenue details. Direct Assistance (Welfare) will remain the same as last year.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

CNP Informal Reviews: The reviews will be held on December 2-4 at the Conference Grounds.

Historical Society Roof: No work has been started as of today.

Tax Anticipation Note: The town may need to borrow money due to the late mailing of the tax bills. The bills will not be mailed until mid-December. The Treasurer can borrow money on an as needed basis. The board signed a letter authorizing the Treasurer to borrow money on behalf of the town.

Follow-up on Sand Purchase: Anne reported that the town purchases it's' sand from Rumney Sand and Gravel. This is a follow-up to a question asked by Mike Lonigro at last weeks meeting.

Tree Lighting: The tree lighting will be held on the Town Common on December 6th at 5: 00pm.

Privilege of the Floor: Mike Lonigro asked when the Advisory Board is scheduled to meet with the Selectmen. The meeting will be December 21st.

Carl Spring asked what MRI (the company who handles Code Enforcement) charges. They charge \$55.35/hour. Gerry Thibodeau asked if the insurance costs are broken down per department/building etc. The policy is not specifically broken down it is a package. Gerry also asked why the cost of heat is not included in individual budgets. The heat is included under General Government Buildings because the town maintains the buildings. The individual departments are responsible for maintaining their specific department. Gerry also suggested that in the letter to the health agencies the question of what their director is paid should be included and he also wanted the board to keep in mind while preparing the town's budget that the SAU has capped all salaries this year.

Signed: Checks; Veterans Credit Updates; DRA Parcel Count; Bank Authorization Letter

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet C. Sherburne, Secretary