

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2010 5:00 p.m.

Corner Meeting House

Chairman Ronald Cormier called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.; also present were Selectman Jon Pike, Selectman David Morse, Town Administrator K. Jeanne Beaudin, Administrative Assistant Cary Lagace, Fire Chief David Parenti, Deputy Fire Chief Sean McCarty, Firefighter/Mechanic Elkins, Linda Frawley (5:17), Public Works Director Jim Fortin (5:25) & Reporters from the Daily Sun, the Citizen and the Echo.

Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Selectman Pike moved to accept the minutes of the October 18, 2010 meeting as written. Selectman Morse seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Acceptance

Chief Parenti explained that the Fire Department had been granted the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant and needs the Board's approval to accept it. He noted that the granted will be used to replace a failing forestry pump and the matching funding has been budgeted in his equipment line. Selectman Pike commented, nice job.

Selectman Morse moved to accept the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant award up to \$2,000. Selectman Pike seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Tax Rate

Town Administrator Beaudin advised the Board that the tax bills have gone out and the tax rate was set at \$20.97 with \$7.50 being the Town's portion an increase of .51 cents. She added that the school rate is \$9.86 an increase of .84 cents, the county is \$1.35 and the State school portion \$2.26. She added that the value for the Town changed minimally. Selectman Pike commented that the Town portion of the tax rate is approximately 35%

LGC Property-Liability & Worker's Compensation

Town Administrator Beaudin explained that renewal time is approaching, July 2011, for the property/liability and workers compensation insurances. She explained that LGC has offered a multi-year quote of 6% increase for the first year and a not to exceed of 9% on the consecutive years. Selectman Morse asked if other providers had been looked at for this renewal period. Town Administrator Beaudin indicated that this was the only quote so far. Following a brief discussion the Board agreed that they would like other providers to prepare quotes.

MS 60A - Signatures

Town Administrator Beaudin provided the MS 60A forms to the Board for signature. This form acknowledges that the Town has an auditing firm in place.

Town Report Award

Town Administrator Beaudin advised the Board that she received notification that the Town has won 2nd place in LGC Town Report Contest. The award will be presented at the Annual Conference for those that wish to attend.

Budget Work Session **Police Department**

Town Administrator Beaudin explained to the Board that Chief Baiocchetti has requested that line item 4210-440 Motorcycle Lease be reduced to \$0. She added that the department no longer has an officer that is trained or interested in training for the motor cycle use. Selectman Pike was concerned that if someone became certified the funding wouldn't be there for the motorcycle. Town Administrator Beaudin reiterated that there isn't anyone showing interest at this time and the training isn't available for the lease to be utilized this budget period.

Selectman Morse moved to amend line item 4210-440 Motorcycle Lease to \$0. Selectman Pike seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Fire Department Capital

Chief Parenti discussed that it is his desire to replace engine 1, because Selectman Pike wasn't at the last meeting and the Board hadn't had a chance to review and ask questions on the report that was provided the discussion was postponed until tonight.

Selectman Morse asked why the Town needs 3 engines, Chief Parenti explained that if there were only 2 engines and one were to go out of service it leaves only 1 engine which is not enough to cover for a Town the size of Belmont with the number of calls for service that are received. He would not recommend any less than 3 engines. There was a brief discussion regarding the change in diesel engines and how, if approved, they would get an engine they would be happy with. It was discussed that there hasn't been a good vehicle replacement procedure in the past and hopefully beginning this process will correct that.

Selectman Pike moved to approve the Fire Engine Capital outlay request. Chairman Cormier seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Dry Hydrant & Cistern

Chief Parenti explained that through the Planning process dry hydrants or cisterns may be required to be built, upon completion of the project the Town must take them over. It is a relatively new process however his intent is to plan for the future maintenance or replacement of these dry hydrants & cisterns. It was discussed that the cost cannot be taken from the Comstar funds.

Selectman Pike moved to approve \$2,500 to create a capital reserve account for the purpose of Dry Hydrant and Cistern Maintenance. Chairman Cormier seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Sidewalk Discussion

Town Administrator noted that the Board had previously approved the request to place \$105,000 in the Sidewalk Capital Reserve. The project was originally estimated to cost about \$110,000. As the Church Street sidewalk and road reconstruction ties into Monument Square, we have included this in the proposed scope of work and the engineering firm is working on the design. Jim Fortin noted that he had met with Wallace and Woody and gotten their input as to what to do with the monument through the construction process, he believes they have come up with a good idea of moving it down further behind the church and utilizing a bigger area but keeping the look pretty much the same as it is now.

Sewer Department Capital

Town Administrator Beaudin explained that \$125,000 is being requested to start this line item which will be used for the Sewer Replacement Program. It was discussed that there are 7 stations left that remain to be rebuilt. It was discussed that the program will take 5 years to complete.

Selectman Pike moved to approve \$125,000 for the Sewer Replacement Program Capital. Selectman Morse seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Water System

Jim Fortin noted that there is a large meter that needs replacement at the Laconia Belmont line. Town Administrator Beaudin advised there is approximately \$30,000 in the account

Selectman Morse moved to approve \$25,000 for line item 4915-501. Selectman Pike seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Bandstand

Linda Frawley explained that the goal is to continue to look for grants and other funding resources for the restoration and relocation of the bandstand. The Heritage Commission paid for some of the columns to be replaced but other than that no significant work has been done to the structure since 1969. Chairman Cormier expressed that he feels the request for the Bandstand Capital funding should move onto the Budget Committee. He commented that it's time to appropriate funding to get some work done, the lattice work has been busted out and the stability needs to be looked at again. Linda noted that when stabilizing

the Bandstand was looked into before it was estimated that it would cost \$ \$20,000 and the Heritage fund has committed \$10,000 to that cause.

Selectman Morse moved to approve \$20,000 for the Bandstand Capital fund. Selectman Pike seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Heritage Commission

Linda Frawley Advised the Board through their existing funds and other resources the Heritage Commission feels they can accomplish what they need to this year and are withdrawing the funding request for this budget.

Selectman Pike moved to amend line item 4583-457 to \$0. Selectman Morse seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Cemeteries

Selectman Pike moved to approve the Cemetery Maintenance Capital Reserve. Selectman Morse seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Assessing

The Board agreed that although the voters keep voting down this warrant article it needs to be presented again.

Selectman Pike moved to approve \$75,000 for line item 4915-300. Selectman Morse seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Municipal Facilities

Following a brief discussion the Board agreed to appropriate the amount of \$70,000 to affectively replace the funds used for the Mill roof project.

Selectman Morse moved to approve \$70,000 for the Municipal Facilities Capital Reserve. Chairman Cormier seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Non-Public Session

Chairman Cormier called the non-public session to order at 6:18 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A: 3 II (c). Those present and voting were Ron Cormier, Jon Pike and David Morse. Also present was Town Administrator Jeanne Beaudin, Fire Chief David Parenti, and Janet Breton joined the non-public at 6:35 p.m. Fire Chief Parenti left at 6:33 p.m.

Chairman Cormier closed the non-public session at 7:25 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next regular Board of Selectmen's meeting will be Monday, November 15, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., at the Corner Meeting House.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Ronald Cormier, Chairman

Jon Pike, Vice Chairman

David Morse