

## MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING June 09, 2009

Chairman Petraitis called the meeting to order in the Senior Center at 7:03 PM with all members present.

- I. Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Filipkowski seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of May 5 with amendments and June 2, 2009 as written. Amendments from MW included more information on the streetlight study specifically outlining the approach that the town would take as well as work completed to date by a variety of individuals and departments. So voted.
- II. Approval of School Warrant MW-MOVED, BF Second So Voted.
- III. Approval of General Warrant 1050 for \$260. 970.54. MW-moved, BF second. So voted.
- IV. Approval of Payroll warrant #25 for \$339,100.06. MW-moved, BF-Second. So Voted

### II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Mr. Petraitis discussed drafting a memo to all town departments regarding fees that are currently being charged. Mr. Filipkowski read the letter he has written to be sent to the various town departments from the BOS. Mr. Filipkowski also suggested the timeline be three weeks from receipt of the letter for the various departments to return the requested info to the BOS. It was also reiterated that this is Phase One of the Two phase approach the BOS will be taking regarding costing town services. Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Filipkowski seconded, a motion to approve, sign and send the letter read that evening. So voted.

B. Mr. Petraitis requested for interested individuals to come forward to be appointed to the current opening on the School Committee. It was explained this would be an appointment and would run from July 1, 09 through the end of May 2010 when annual elections would be held.

C. Mrs. Walters read a letter from the planning board regarding a hearing on the "Deer Run" PHASE II subdivision on Hillsville Road. The hearing will be held on June 25 at 7:00 pm at the Senior Center.

D. Mr. Filipkowski read a letter from the Youth Center promoting the road race being held on 6/13/2009.

### III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Mrs. Walter explained a transfer of \$150 from the Water Department OT Salary account to the WD Water Operator Salary Account. The purpose of this transfer is to cover a shortage in one account. S. Jones and the Fin Com had signed and approved, all that was needed was approval from BOS. Mrs. Walters made a motion to transfer said funds and Mr. Filipkowski seconded. All in favor, so moved.

B. Zoning Board set application fee of \$150 for review of all commercial and industrial access driveways and parking fees. This was signed off by Robert Bishop.

C. Finance Committee provided their FY 2010 recommendations for the annual town budget. The recommended overall budget totaled approximately \$12,481,747 and an overall breakdown will be provided to all residents at the upcoming town meeting. Again it was cautioned that the figures are still fluctuating from the state and that final figures still haven't been received. State aid has been dramatically reduced in many different aspects to the town (Chap 70 and overall Town functions). The Finance Committee also recommended a Purchase Order system to monitor the budget throughout FY 2010. The process recommended was to have the departments create a PO, submit it to an entity of the BOS choosing, which would verify the \$ is available and allow us to better track purchases and review expenditures. A recommendation was made to keep the current freeze on non essential spending be maintained throughout FY 2010. Recommendation was made to continue with the anticipated spending reports from all departments.

A recommendation from MW was made to align future Articles more to the structure of the line item handouts to give residents a better understanding of where the money was going when they were voting on approvals.

The Finance Committee also wanted to relay to the town that we are currently facing the worst financial crisis since the 1860's and we have been fortunate enough to work with all departments to not have to close any town services and are doing everything in our power not to have any lay offs. They also suggested that Article 19 be worded differently as to not lock the town into having to spend \$32,000 for a new cruiser should additional grants not come through. All generally agreed we are in favor of a new vehicle and there is a need, but that the wording must be addressed not to lock the town into a bill it isn't expecting. Chief Thomasian announced he has received word on one grant of \$14,127 towards a new vehicle but to date is uncertain of a second which was applied for.

A recommendation was made from Jim Lovett that the budget potentially be posted to the web site and let everyone know if you contact anyone on the FIN COM they would be happy to review the info with them.

A motion was entertained to accept the recommendations of the FIN COM as currently constituted. MW- So Moved, BR- Second. So voted. A motion was entertained to approve the FIN COM budget recommendations as submitted that evening. MW- So Moved, BF- Seconded. So Voted. MW had a copy of the BOS budget and explained that they reduced funding in the technology account and moved it into town counsel account but this wouldn't affect the bottom line figure.

D. 8 Willow Street- Resident Zuidema was there to thank the BOS for their continued follow up and for working with her for potential solutions. It was explained at that time there are still several uncertainties and JP recommended having the building inspector and Gay Jean coordinate and see what if anything could be done to move forward on this situation. The timeline would be once Gary returned from vacation.

F. Weekly agenda was discussed. Purchase Orders, Anticipated Spending, Selectmen Budget and Payroll Vouchers were discussed for the next meeting on 6/23/2009.

There being no further business, Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Filipkowski seconded, a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of conducting contract negotiations. Roll call: Petraitis, yes; Walter, yes; Filipkowski, yes. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Filipkowski  
Clerk, BOS