

TOWN OF WEBSTER
Office of Selectmen
945 Battle Street/Rte. 127
Webster, NH 03303

7:00 P.M. Selectmen's Meeting – November 29, 2010

Present: Chairman David Klumb; Selectman George Hashem and Selectman George Cummings.

The Board signed the payroll and check manifests.

The Board signed the following for Mrs. Jones:

- Selectman Hashem made a motion to accept the minutes of November 15, 2010 as written; seconded by Selectman Cummings and approved;
- The 2010 Equalization Municipal Assessment Data Sheets Certificate for the Department of Revenue;
- Approved a Veteran's Tax Credit; and
- A thank you note to Robert Pearson III for cleaning the Town Hall gutters.

The Board signed the following for Financial Administrator Wendy Pinkham:

- Intent to Cut for Isabel and Michael Brintnall – Map 5-63-3; and
- Timber Tax Warrant and Certification Sheet.

Police Chief Dupuis advised or presented the following:

- Presented the semi-monthly Police Department Report highlighted by a substantial theft of copper valued at approximately \$1,200;
- As requested at the last meeting, the truck on Merrimack Circle has been removed;
- The first payment of \$507.69 has been received from the Army Corps of Engineers for patrolling of the Flood Control area;
- He noted that some communities invite the newly elected officials, at the State level, to attend a Board Meeting after the elections, asking the Board if they would be interested. The Board is interested and requested that Mrs. Jones invite the newly elected officials to a Selectmen's Meeting in January;
- Margaret Warren, Salisbury Administrative Assistant, requested him to work a special detail, which he did. He has also been asked to work a special detail for Salisbury at their next Selectmen's Meeting on December 1st, which he will do.
- There was discussion on the feasibility of Webster providing Salisbury with Police coverage as their Police Department has resigned. Emmett Bean noted that there was a committee formed after the 2009 Town Meeting to look into the feasibility of combining emergency services with surrounding towns with letters sent to all abutting towns. Salisbury was the only community to respond, providing information on two towns in New Hampshire that do successfully combine Police services. Discussion followed on the pros and cons of combining these types of services. Chairman Klumb suggested that should Salisbury be interested in Webster providing services, then they should initiate the dialog for such an arrangement;
- Purchase Order #32 for the Public Safety Building to 1-2-3 Lock-Key & Security for security cameras and a monitor in the amount of \$2,007. Selectman Cummings made a motion to withdraw the sum of \$2,007 from the Public Safety Building Capital Reserve account; seconded by Selectman Hashem and approved;
- Purchase Order #33 for the Police Department to the Center for Education & Employment Law for publications on public employment law in the amount of \$254.95; and
- After receiving a notice from the County Sheriff's Office advising of a \$580 increase, the Contracted Services budget line for 2011 was adjusted by that amount;

Fire Chief Colin Colby reported 162 calls to date. The Department responded to a two-alarm structure fire in Boscawen which was immediately followed by four other calls for emergency services.

Road Agent Emmett Bean noted all was quiet, though he did sand during the last storm. Chairman Klumb advised him that the Highway Budget was needed and that he would get back to Mr. Bean regarding the budget numbers already sent to the Board for review. Selectman Cummings again suggested a "road trip" over the roads to review the needs. Selectman

Hashem inquired about shoring up the public salt shed, which Mr. Bean will do. Mr. Bean recommended that the Board review the salt shed for needed repairs, noting that he had requested funds in previous years for this purpose, but no funds were appropriated. Mrs. Pinkham noted that the Board is proposing \$3,000 be put in a Highway Building Maintenance Expendable Trust this year.

Peg Foss, Food Pantry Coordinator, provided an update on the food pantry complete with before and after pictures. She has spent \$5,236 to date for Phase I and Phase II, from which the Board had previously approved \$5,000 from the Isabel Anderson Fund, and is gearing up for Phase III with an estimated budget need of \$2,000. This would include completion of the interior wallboard, trim, floor and electrical and she is requesting this amount. Phase IV, the last phase, will cost an estimated \$1,000, which she anticipates can be raised through donations. Chairman Klumb suggested that a Warrant Article be proposed to raise the \$2,000. Selectman Hashem raised concerns that this may not be a legal purpose for a Warrant Article as the Town does not own the building. The Board was reminded that all Warrant Articles are reviewed by the Department of Revenue and Town Counsel. Ms. Foss thanked the Board for all the support to date and invited them to come again to see the progress.

The Board will hold a budget meeting on December 6, 2010 at 7:00 P.M., which will be posted. He requested that the Police Chief and Road Agent attend.

Chairman Klumb advised that he would not be at the Board of Selectmen's Meeting on December 13th but would be available to join by phone.

The Board was reminded that all encumbrances need to be voted upon. Propane for the General Government Buildings as well as fuel oil for the Town Hall will be encumbered and perhaps legal fees for the ongoing legal case.

Selectmen Cummings made a motion to approve an interfund transfer from the Legal Line – Account #415301-320 to Town Hall Repairs – Account #419406-430 in the amount of \$2,088 to pay for emergency repairs for the septic pump and related expenses; seconded by Selectman Hashem and approved.

Town Counsel will be asked for an estimate of legal expenses expected through the end of the year.

Chairman Klumb requested that Mrs. Pinkham prepare an estimate of revenues for 2011.

Mrs. Jones will request an estimate, from the State Prison Sign Shop, for replacement reflective road signs to comply with new regulations to be required in the near future.

Martin Bourque inquired about the new well status regarding wells to be provided to residents near the Webster/Hopkinton Landfill. No update has been received from Hopkinton on the progress.

8:16 P.M. Selectman Hashem made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Selectman Cummings and approved.

David E. Klumb, Chairman

George K. Hashem

George C. Cummings

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