

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**JANUARY 4, 2011**

**MEMORIAL BUILDING**

**7:00 P.M.**

*The following are to be considered draft minutes only until approved by the Board at their next meeting.*

Present: Selectmen John Chiarella, Leigh Callaway and Don Hill.

Also Present: Justin Hastings, Bryan O'Day and Bill Huntoon.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Don and Leigh reviewed budget appropriations with John from the work session on December 29<sup>th</sup>.

Comparison done of 2010 budget appropriations, expenditures to date, and preliminary 2011 recommendations. Selectmen's objective is to keep the operating budget level funded.

Discussion and review of department requests.

Fire Department considering replacement of their defibrillator. Selectmen have asked the Fire Chief for more information.

Town property maintenance list discussed. Leigh questioned if the projects need to be separately funded, or property maintenance line be increased. More information needed before making a final determination. Felt there is money available in the property maintenance budget all ready. Projects discussed: repair of the roof at the highway garage, winterization of the garage doors, replacement of windows in the town office meeting room, and repair of the stone wall at the historical society. John suggested selectmen spend time throughout the year reviewing options as to what needs to take place for repair of the town hall siding, funding for such, and under what parameters for historical buildings.

Leigh noted his concern with rising fuel costs. Discussed fuel appropriations. Selectmen will look into locking into fuel prices. In the past Town did not meet parameters to lock into fuel pricing.

Selectmen completed preliminary appropriations. Selectmen agreed, for purposes of continued review, to leave wage and salary lines level funded for now. Those areas will be open for further discussion, pending finalization of actual expenditures.

Department updates:

Letter of resignation received from Brad Butcher, Road Agent effective as of January 21, 2011. Board members expressed regret with Brad's resignation.

Discussion regarding advertising position. Decision to advertise immediate opening, CDL license required, prior management experience of benefit. Ads to be online, in the Kearsarge Shopper, Intertown Record, Valley News and Concord Monitor.

Contact will be made with those who sent applications for the truck driver/laborer position to let them know both positions available.

Correspondence:

Request for information relative to wage and benefit information. Discussion regarding RSA 91:A, the right to know law and employee's right to privacy, and what may or may not be disclosed. Decision made to review the request with legal counsel.

Impending tax deeding notice returned unclaimed. Decision made for the Police Department to deliver for proof of receipt.

Selectmen meet Monday, January 10, 2011. Budget Committee meeting Tuesday, January 11, 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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