

## **SELECT BOARD MINUTES January 20, 2010**

Present: Ted Murray, Tom Ulrich and Dave DeHerdt

Meeting called to order at 8:09 pm

### **Minutes**

Motion was made, and seconded, to approve the executive session minutes of January 15, 2010. Vote was unanimous.

### **Liasion Reports**

Police - Discussion occurred regarding doing online training in order to save money.

Highway - The highway department continues to do a good job in managing winter storms.

Town Hall - The heat appears to be finally working in the building. Ted will meet with Sandri to discuss adjustments on the bill. Discussion occurred regarding the oil contract.

Discussion occurred regarding technology support for the town and using Virginia Wiswell as our person. Questions were asked regarding whether or not this needs to go out to bid and also if there should be a background check. Ted will research these issues and bring this back to the Board next week.

### **Old Business**

Hearing Policy - Discussion occurred regarding the draft policy written by Dave. The Board discussed giving 10 days notice vs. the state-mandated 2 days notice. Motion was made, and seconded, to approve the hearing policy as amended. The approved policy will be incorporated in the current set of policies. Vote was majority. (Ted, yes; Dave, yes; Tom, no)

Interim Police Chief - Discussion occurred regarding the best way to proceed with police department leadership. Ted had further discussion with Wayne Sampson after the meeting last week. Wayne has some names that may be good candidates to serve as interim chief. He is willing to contact them directly to see if they are interested in an interim situation. Ted felt that it is good for the town and affords the police department support and it is important to move forward in finding an interim police chief.

Discussion occurred regarding the possibility of getting resumes from potential candidates ahead of time; asking if a candidate has an issue with appearing before an open session;

and the importance of agreeing first on what exactly the Board is looking for in hours and pay.

The Board reviewed the possible use of police consulting services. Services could include reviewing policies and procedures; assist in advertising for a chief; reviewing resumes; review current office protocols and make recommendations for changes; interview current police officers to find out concerns and meet with citizens to find out their concerns. The Board agreed to the importance of having assistance in vetting the candidates; reviewing policies; allowing the community to have a sounding board and talking with the current officers.

Discussion occurred regarding the possibility of combining with another town for police services. The Board agreed to get more information from a FRCOG study on this issue.

### **Mail**

Dave will attend the Broadband meeting on February 6.

Discussion occurred on the planning board's letter supporting the Community Preservation Act. Ted will bring it back for further discussion.

### **New Business**

The special town meeting will be tentatively scheduled for February 24. The Board will also discuss ways to holding spending in check.

Discussion occurred on where to hold future elections and town meeting. The Board will study the ADA report further.

Discussion occurred on the oil contract issues relating to the sewer plant.

Motion was made, and seconded, to approve the use of town hall by David Timmons to conduct an informational meeting on January 26 from 7 pm - 9 pm for \$20.00.

Motion was made, and seconded, to go into executive session to consider the discipline or discipline of a public officer and to discuss strategy with respect to negotiations with non-union personnel and to not reconvene in open session. Tom, yes; Dave, yes; Ted, yes.

Meeting adjourned 10:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Maryellen Cranston