

SELECT BOARD MINUTES April 13, 2010

Present: Ted Murray (TM), Chair, David DeHerdt (DD)
Town Administrator, Maryellen Cranston

Meeting called to order at 11:30 am.

Police

Chief John Cotton discussed with the Board potential changes within the department. Chief Cotton would like to change the color scheme and graphics for the cruiser. He feels that the uniforms look too similar to the state police. He would like the uniforms to show they are a town department. Additionally, he would like the town to issue the same type of gun to all officers to ensure officer safety.

FY11 Budget

The Board discussed the latest changes to the FY11 budget. After corrections were made to the spreadsheet, the budget reflected a \$2000 positive balance. These changes will be discussed with the finance committee at the next meeting.

The Board discussed the pros and cons of the community preservation act. Dave asked that the Board of Assessors be invited to a meeting soon after the election.

The Board discussed placing a non-criminal disposition article on the warrant at the request of the Board of Health. Maryellen will fax the article to Donna to get her opinion.

The Board reviewed the non-budget articles that will be placed on the warrant. Dave questioned Maryellen about people who are appointed mid-year for elected positions. His understanding of the law was that they only served until the next election. Maryellen explained that was how she handled these appointments in the past.

Dave also questioned Maryellen about the need to have a bylaw for caucus to allow additional people to be placed on the ballot in the event the top two vote getters decline the nomination. Maryellen explained there was a difference between accepting the nomination and then withdrawing and not accepting the nomination at all. If the top two vote getters refuse the nomination then there is a blank ballot for that position. This has been verified thru discussions with state election officials.

Meeting adjourned at 1:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Town Administrator