

## **SELECT BOARD MINUTES April 15, 2010**

Present: Ted Murray (TM), Chair, David DeHerdt (DD)

*Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm.*

### **Minutes**

*Motion was made, and seconded, to accept the open session minutes of April 1 as amended. Vote in favor was unanimous. Motion was made, and seconded, to accept the open session minutes of April 8 as written. Vote in favor was unanimous. Motion was made, and seconded, to accept the executive session minutes of April 8. Vote in favor was unanimous.*

### **Liaison Reports**

Police – [Employee attendance comments redacted per Town Counsel.]  
*Ted has had discussions with Chief Cotton about remaking the image of the department by changing the appearance of the cruisers and uniforms. In addition, the importance of community policing was emphasized. To make the department more efficient and secure, Chief Cotton is installing a separate fax machine and a printer.*

### **Old Business**

Emails – *Dave has finished reviewing the recovered emails. He has separated out town counsel emails that are attorney-client privilege. The Board discussed the need for further review to determine additional emails that are not subject to disclosure.*

Police Chief Search Committee – The committee is going to work on a job description before producing an ad. Ted and Dave met with the committee and discussed the importance of following procedures to ensure confidentiality of personal data during the next stages of the search.

Insurance Deductible – Dave has determined that the insurance company should only be billing the town for one deductible. He is waiting for the bill from the insurance company in order to appeal the charge.

### **New Business**

Park Restoration – The Board discussed the letter from the attorney general regarding an update on the status of the project and the use of funds that have been set aside. Dave did not believe that there was a legal agreement that we maintain a certain amount of funds in this account.

FRCOG letter – Peggy Sloane from the FRCOG wrote a letter protesting bringing a wind turbine to Savoy on Route 116. Copies were provided to the Select Boards of Deerfield, Conway, and Ashfield.

Board of Assessor Letter – The Board of Assessor's wrote a letter in response to comments that were made at a recent select board meeting. The letter will be taken under advisement.

Warrant Articles – The Board discussed a request from the Board of Health to place a non-criminal disposition bylaw regarding private wells on the warrant. Motion was made, and seconded, to place the article as presented on the warrant. Vote in favor was unanimous.

Dave has not heard from the Ethics Commission regarding the article previously discussed for a select board member to be appointed as Emergency Management Director. The Board agreed that that article should be placed on the warrant as previously voted.

### **Budget Discussion**

Also present were members of the finance committee: Carl Satterfield, Tom Carter, Poppy Doyle, Janet Rogers and Mary Link.

The Board reviewed changes to the budget with the finance committee. General Government office supplies and expenses was increased \$700 to buy a locked file cabinet in order to allow the town to be more compliant with personal data security laws. The Police Sergeant's position has been eliminated along with one highway worker. The police budget allows for a full time police chief with four reserve officers working 30 hours with a pay increase to \$15/hour. The tree warden expenses have been restored. The purchase of bags has been eliminated from the transfer station.

Discussion occurred regarding having a separate labor line item for winter roads that would include straight time and overtime.

Discussion occurred regarding if the warrant should reflect the increased pay for the sewer employees as requested by the sewer commissioners. The Board agreed to have the warrant reflect the higher amount in order to not cut off debate on town meeting floor.

Discussion occurred regarding the need to reflect the debt exclusion for the highway truck in the budget worksheets. Also discussed was how the debt exclusion should be presented at town meeting.

*Motion was made, and seconded, to go into executive session for the purpose of considering strategies with respect to litigation. The board will not reconvene in open meeting. Roll call vote: Dave, yes; Ted, yes.*

*Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Town Administrator*