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Present: Nicholas A. Hay, John F. Fairbanks, Laila J. Michaud

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Hay called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen’s Office at Town Hall.

APPROVAL OF WARRANT

Board members reviewed and approved the following warrant:

January 11, 2009          Accounts Payable          \$ 561,637.64

BUILDING COMMISSIONER SCREENING COMMITTEE

After interviewing all interested parties, Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board appoint Peter Normandin, Steve Hemman, Andy Sears, James Rheault, Burt Gendron, Ken Burstall and Karen Murphy to the Building Commissioner Screening Committee. Ms. Michaud seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board agreed that they would provide the Committee with a job description.

TAX CLASSIFICATION HEARING (CONTINUATION)

On behalf of the Assessors, Robin Holm recommended that the Board of Selectmen adopt a residential factor of one in setting the tax rate.

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board vote to adopt a residential factor of one in setting the tax rate. Ms. Michaud seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FY 2011 BUDGET REVIEW

LIBRARY

Library Trustee Walter Haney was on hand to discuss the Library budget. He indicated that the Library budget has been reduced by 2% due to the generosity of the staff volunteering to take time off without pay.

Mr. Haney also mentioned that with the help of the Police Department, the Library has been able to recover approximately \$3,500 in overdue books.

POLICE

Chief Sam Albert was on hand to discuss his department’s FY11 budget. He indicated that he was able to cut his budget by \$30,495 (approximately 2% reduction) by reducing some overtime, tuition reimbursement and other expenses. Police Department articles were also reviewed.

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FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT – DOR

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board sign a letter to the Department of Revenue thanking them for conducting the Financial Management Review. The motion was duly seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CLOSING OF ARTICLES

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board close the warrant articles for the May 1, 2010 Annual Town Meeting subject to the possibility of further review if needed by the Board. The motion was duly seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

FY2010 SPENDING FREEZE

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board keep the spending freeze in place as was agreed upon at last week’s meeting. The motion was duly seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

SENIOR CENTER BUILDING COMMITTEE

Don Barry, Chairman of the Senior Center Building Committee requested that the Board approve that the Sr. Center Building Committee proceed with the installation of the utility lines at 69 West Main Street.

The Board of Selectmen noted that the following articles remain unspent: Special Town Meeting of October 27, 2007 Article #2 current balance of \$13,501 and Special Town Meeting of November 18, 2008 Articles #13 current balance of \$53,216.01. It was agreed that the spending freeze will remain in effect on these articles and the Board would review the request in July of 2010.

MIXED USED OVERLAY COMMITTEE

Bud Taylor, Chairman of the MUOC, was on hand to ask for support in video taping the MUOC meetings. Brian Ruland volunteered to video tape the meeting on January 20, 2009. He also stated that public sessions will be held in the future to inform the public.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board vote to retain Robert Thorell on a consulting basis for the administration of the Building Department for approximately 10 hours per week, at a rate of \$32.87 per hour, not to exceed \$1,500 a month for the months of January and February, 2010, subject to both parties reaching agreement on the terms of liability for said services. Ms. Michaud seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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8:53 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Michaud moved that the Board meet in executive session to discuss pending litigation, the taking of real property, and a workers' compensation matter. Mr. Fairbanks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote. It was noted that the Board would adjourn directly from executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned from executive session at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laila J. Michaud, Clerk  
(Prepared by B. Kazan)