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Selectmen:
John Spear
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Board of Selectmen/Assessor's Meeting

Tuesday, December 09th, 2008

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Called to Order: 6:02 p.m.

Present: Selectmen: John Spear, Penelope Alley and Jeffrey Northgraves

Fire Department: Chief Calderwood and Todd Butler

Assessor's Agent: Bert Taylor

Administrative Assistant: Barbara Black

I. Recognize Guests:

None

II. Recognize Departments:

Assessor's Agent: Bert Taylor

a) Reviewed Articles for January Newsletter:

The Board reviewed two articles Mr. Taylor drafted for the January Newsletter. The articles are in reference to Personal Property Declarations Packets and inspections and inventory of real estate properties.

b) Reviewed Annual Personal Property Declaration Packets:

The Board reviewed the Personal Property Declaration Packets Mr. Taylor presented. The Board agreed they should be mailed out to businesses in approximately one week.

Fire Department: Bryan Calderwood

a) Rotation of Fire Apparatus:

Chief Calderwood presented an Apparatus Replacement Plan to the Board for review/advice. The replacement plan is based on replacement for Engine 5 – 1989 International in 2014, Engine 2- 1995 International in 2017, 2000 F350 Rescue Truck in 2020 and Engine 1 International 2003 in 2028. Chief Calderwood informed the Board it is close to impossible to get grant monies to help purchase new trucks. The cost to replace Engine 5 is approximately \$300,000.00 to \$350,000.00.

The Board asked Chief Calderwood to look at the need, and to look at information from vendors who perform maintenance on the fire trucks. The Board also asked what the value of Engine 5 would be. Chief Calderwood said approximately \$80,000.00.



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The Chief also discussed having a ten year replacement plan, which would consist of replacing the trucks with a ten year lease plan and doubling the amount to the fire truck reserve fund. The Board asked the Chief to outline a plan on paper outlining the replacement of apparatus based on the ten year cycle.

Emergency Management:

a) Public Information Officer:

Penelope Alley made a motion to appoint Jeffrey Northgraves as the town's Public Information Officer. John Spear seconded the motion.

Board approved: 2-0 Jeffrey Northgraves abstained

b) Draft for NIMS Policy for New Hires:

Tabled

III. New Business:

a) Warrant for January 20th, 2009 Referendum:

Jeffrey Northgraves made a motion to execute/sign the warrant for the January 20th, 2009 Election to elect one Director to the Regional School Unit 13 Board. Penelope Alley seconded the motion.

Board approved: 3-0.

b) Set Selectmen's Meetings for January:

The Board set the date(s) of January 13th at 6:00 p.m. and January 27th at 5:30 p.m.

c) Set Budget Committee Meetings for January:

The Board set the date(s) of January 26th, 27th, and 28th at 6:30 p.m. Barbara Black will contact the Budget Committee Members.

d) Comprehensive Planning Meeting:

The Board set a date of January 6th at 6:30 p.m.

e) Annual Town Meeting Date:

The Board set the date of March 31st, 2008, with an alternate date of March 24th, depending on the availability of the Gilford Butler School.

f) Recycler's License – Roger Young:



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The Board tabled approval of Mr. Young's Recyclers License. The Board requested the Code Enforcement Officer to contact MMA legal services to see if Mr. Young was required to have a Junkyard Permit in addition to the Recycler's License.

Tabled 3-0.

g) Board of Appeals:

Barbara will contact Kent Woodward (alternate) to confirm he would accept an appointment as a member. The appointment will be placed on the next agenda.

V. Old Business:

a) 2009 Budget – Review Letter to Department Heads:

The Board reviewed the letter to the department heads. The Board determined that all wages, salaries and stipends should be increased from 2008 levels by 2%; as an across the board cost of living adjustment. Any department head that wishes to propose any other adjustment should attend the December 18th Selectmen's Meeting.

b) 2009 Mid-Coast Regional Planning Membership Form:

Jeffrey Northgraves made a motion to appoint John Spear to represent the Town of South Thomaston for 2009. Penelope Alley seconded the motion.

Board approved: 2-0 John Spear abstained

d) Discussion of Investments of Randall Hopkins Funds:

Jeffrey Northgraves will meet with Curtis Investments of Rockland to look into long term strategy investments.

Barbara informed the Board she had spoken to legal services regarding the acceptance of funds (\$50,000.00) for the Historical Society; a town meeting vote is required to accept the funds. The Board would like to place an article in the annual town meeting warrant, so the Town/Board could give Mr. Hopkins recognition for his generosity. Barbara will contact the personnel representative for Mr. Hopkins's estate; Frances Curtis to inform her of the Board's intention.

VI. Other Business:

Review Correspondence:

a) Stipend Request (Personnel Policy): Barbara Black

Jeffrey Northgraves made a motion to approve the stipend request for \$2,011.00 in accordance with the Town's Personnel Policy. Penelope Alley seconded the motion.

Board approved: 3-0.



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b) John Spear made a motion to pay Barbara Black a \$500.00 stipend from this year's budget in appreciation for working extra hours during the last three months. Jeffrey Northgraves seconded the motion.

Board approved: 3-0.

c) January Newsletter Articles:

John Spear will do articles on the Comp Plan and RSC Election. Barbara will do articles on nomination papers and the addition of the new town employees.

d) Power Outages on Spruce Head Island:

The Board requested Barbara to contact Central Maine Power regarding pole number 23, just after crossing the Spruce Head Island Bridge. There have been several power outages there, some for extended periods of time. The Board would like to see what they could do to mitigate the problem and to see what preventative measures could be done.

VII. Administration:

a) Authorized Treasurer's Warrants:

b) Approved Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for November 18th, 2008:

c) Reviewed Check Reconciliation for November, 2008:

d) Reviewed Financial Statements for November, 2008:

VIII. Adjournment:

8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Black
Administrative Assistant



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