

Minutes of the Special Selectboard Meeting of Wednesday, December 6, 2006 at 6:30 PM

Members present: Alison May, Chair; Jack Candon; Ed Childs; Gerard Chapdelaine; Stephen Soares, Town Manager; Nancy Kramer, Administrative Assistant. Absent: Ben Ptashnik.

There were about 19 people in the audience.

Also participating: Terry Boone, John Caulo, Ernie Ciccotelli, Chad Finer, Neil Fulton, Andy Hodgdon, Karen Kayen, Cheryl Lindberg, Evelyn Marcus, Don May, Peg Merrens, Chief Robinson, Roberta Robinson, Henry Scheier, Geoffrey Vitt

May opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

1. Finance – Board to Sign Accounts Payable/Warrants (Action Item). Childs **moved** (2nd Chapdelaine) to approve the General Fund Check Warrant Report #07-30 in the amount of \$157,498.87 for the period from 12/6/2006 to 12/6/2006. **Motion passed.**

Candon **moved** (2nd Childs) to approve the Fire Station Fund Check Warrant Report #07-31 in the amount of \$833.45 for the period from 12/6/2006 to 12/6/2006. **Motion passed.**

Childs **moved** (2nd Chapdelaine) to approve the Recreation Fund Check Warrant Report #07-32 in the amount of \$1,375.77 for the period from 12/6/2006 to 12/6/2006. **Motion passed.**

Childs **moved** (2nd Candon) to approve the Conservation Commission Fund Check Warrant Report #07-33 in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the period from 12/6/2006 to 12/6/2006. **Motion passed.**

2. First FY08 Budget Work Session – Finish Public Works Department – Police Department In Depth (Discussion). The budgeted amount for FY08 in the Buildings and Grounds budget for Capital Equipment is \$7,884. It was noted that in FY09 the budgeted amount would be reduced to \$2,030. Hodgdon stated that his budget is based on 35 storm events each year. The Selectboard approved the reserve fund contributions of \$116,400 and \$25,000 for Highway – Vehicles and Sidewalks, respectively, with the understanding that these items may be revisited when the bottom line is established. Candon noted that he would be reviewing each item to assess whether it is effective to do it this year and that he is “not uncomfortable with doing less” if money is being saved. The Board agreed by consensus to support the 4% Public Works Department budget (yes – Chapdelaine, May and Childs; no – Candon who chose level funded).

The Town Manager said the Police Department budget as presented is 1.53% less than FY07. The Selectboard discussed constables, overtime, the number of police officers and comparative information from other towns. Several residents spoke about concerns with the Police Department. After a lengthy discussion regarding the size of the police force and what constitutes the “right amount of service”, the Board agreed to change the overtime from \$15,000 to \$10,000 and to continue with the Police Department budget at their December 13th meeting.

Candon **moved** (2nd Chapdelaine) to adjourn. **Motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Approved by the Selectboard on December 20, 2006.

By Nancy Kramer
Administrative Assistant

Alison May
Selectboard Chair

Next Regular Meeting – December 13, 2006 at 6:30 PM

Pending Items:

- 1) Zoning Regulations Review
- 2) Public Hearings FY08 Budget

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