Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2016

7:00 pm Meeting called to order by Board Chair, John Quinlan. Also in attendance was Selectmen Jack Esposito. Selectman Jim Whipple was absent.

Bill McKinney, Chairman of the Future Use of Town Buildings came before the Board to go over the six proposals received for the Building Studies.

It was noted that most do not include a geotechnical assessment, and McKinney believes that we do not need one at this time. Estimates run from \$45,000 to \$178,000 and the Board feels that a warrant article \$50,000 would cover the cost of the studies. If the warrant article passes, we will put out a Request for Proposal.

Board reviewed the minutes of 1/4/16. Esposito motioned, seconded by Whipple to accept the minutes as amended. All in favor Board reviewed and signed checks and manifest.

7:30 pm Department Head Meeting.

Chief Furlong, Police Department

- The child pornography case went to sentencing, and he will spend 1 ½ to 3 years in prison and have to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.
- The new 2016 Interceptor was ordered from Irwin Motors, pending Town Meeting.
- Both DWI and Drug arrests increased by 100% over 2014.
- To combat the high price of gas at the State Shed, NH towns are going to the "WEX Card". It is a fuel only credit card for government fleets. Every cruiser would have a card that can be used at 12 of the area stations. Using the card automatically deducts the road tax. Last year the PD used 3600 gallons of gas; the WEX Card would save us approximately \$4,500.

Esposito motioned, seconded by Whipple to allow Chief Furlong to apply for the WEX Card. All in favor.

 Corporal Slavin is making arrangements for a CPR class that all Town employees will be encouraged to take.

Mark Butcher, DPW

Quinlan asked Butcher if there has been any political activity at the Transfer Station. Butcher said that he isn't aware of anything like that.

Chief Wilson, Fire Department

- The mechanics will begin by month end.
- There were more mutual aid calls than a long time. One third of the 89 calls were for mutual aid.

Joanne Kitchel, Library

- The numbers are up over \$13,000.
- The Friends of the Library are asking to use the upstairs of the McCollom Building to store books for the Gala book sale.

End of Department Head Meeting

Board discussed the issue of getting volunteers for Town boards, commissions and committees.

The Recreation Commission has been particularly hard to fill.

After a lengthy discussion, the Board decided to add \$500 to the proposed Town budget for a stipend for a Recreation Director.

8:45 pm As there was no further business before the Board, Whipple motioned, seconded by Esposito to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie M. Brown