



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 8, 2010

Members Present: Brian Kellogg, Dave Yacovone, and Min Cote (arrived at 6:15).

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, TA; Carol Bradley, Finance Director ; Bill Spear, Fire Chief ; Richard Keith, Police Chief ; Joyce Lanpher, EMS Operation Lead.

Guests: Donnie Hill, Dennis Degregario, Liz Fox, Tina Sweet.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00PM in the Tegu Building Community Meeting Room by Brian Kellogg, Chair.

I. Agenda Changes, Announcements & Additions

- None

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Review Public Safety Budget

- Police Department - The items that are increasing the most are wages and communications. This year we will be bringing back Eric Dodge and Scott McCullough as they will be back from their military service. We have also budgeted for one police officer to retire. This is budgeted at \$37,000. Dave asked about the impact on the budget of having a detox center in Morrisville. Richard explained that we will not have the expense of the transports to St. Johnsbury, however; there will be offset in responses to the local detox center. Richard felt the end result would be a wash. Richard looked at overtime and stated that we had to cover about 70 open shifts. He felt that with the two officers coming back on the force, we would be able to cut this number down to about 35 open shifts. The overtime line item is an area that will be closely looked at as a possibility for decreasing the budget.
- Fire Department – This year's budget is below last year. In the capital budget, there is \$80,000 budgeted for a new tanker truck. It is possible to take money from the Fire Equipment Replacement Fund to partially fund this purchase. Dan cautioned against taking this Fund down to zero. He feels that it is very important to have some funds set aside in the event of an emergency. Carol also explained that this Fund is where we get the money to pay the installments on the ladder truck. Dennis Degregario felt that the cost of the truck would be about \$250,000 - \$300,000. It is budgeted at \$240,000 as we didn't have a better figure at the time. The financing of this truck will be determined in the future.
- Rescue Department – This year's budget is below last year. The New Equipment line item in Administration should be moved to the Emergency Services budget. The line item of New Equipment in the Ambulance Services section for the power stretcher should be adjusted to be \$1,000 as this is our 10% grant match. A new addition to the budget is replacement of 8 old windows for an amount \$6,500. (waiting for quotes). Liz Fox discussed the income generated from rescue calls. Liz and Joyce have been told that there will be a federal mandate to have computers on each ambulance that have the ability to interface with the hospitals and the state. There is no money that they are aware of to fund this expense. Carol asked to be kept

apprised of the situation as we need to make sure our billing system will work with the new federally mandated system. Dan felt that there should be some grant funds to help with this expense as it is substantial. Joyce estimated the software at about \$15,000. Dan will look into possible grant funding through Home Land Security. Liz asked that any savings from the budget be kept aside for the new mandated computer system expense. Dan explained that it is normal practice for the Selectboard to take any monies that are left over and put into a reserve fund. The Selectboard decides where to designate these reserve funds in May or June of the year. If the Rescue Dept wants to reserve funds, they can request it at that time and the Selectboard will consider their request.

III. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:20.

Respectfully submitted and filed this 9th day of November, 2010
Tina Sweet for Erica Reed, Administrative Assistant

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