

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of November 29, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Charles McMahon called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM. Selectmen Bruce Breton, Ross McLeod and Roger Hohenberger were present, as was Town Administrator David Sullivan and Assistant Town Administrator Dana Call. Selectman Galen Stearns was excused. Mr. McMahon opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mr. McLeod extended thanks to Claude and Louise Peltz for coordinating another success Annual Turkey Trot event.

LIAISON REPORTS: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

BUDGET REVIEW: The Board reviewed the following proposed budgets for 2011:

Assessing: Presented as \$197,370, which represents a 0% increase, however, the Board discussed at length with the Tax Assessor various options relative to requests to have a broader range of data available to the public via the Town website. Options reviewed included: implementing the Vision Appraisal option to host the Town's data, which would represent a \$2,300 overall increase to the Town budget; upgrading the current GIS site hosted by CDM, which would represent a \$2,800 increase to the IT budget; or replace CDM entirely with Vision at a total annual cost of \$4,200, an increase of \$1,300. After much discussion regarding the amount of information the Board wished to make public versus the current information available, Mr. McLeod moved and Mr. McMahon seconded to implement option 3, representing an increase of \$1,300 to the Assessing budget. Motion failed 2-2, with Mr. Breton and Mr. Hohenberger opposed.

Information Technology: Presented as \$174,465, a decrease of \$6,365. No changes were made.

Tax Collector: Presented as \$154,270, a decrease of \$7,580. No changes were made.

CART Funding: Ms. Lee Maloney made a lengthy presentation to the Board in support of continuing the Town's participation in the CART program, which would represent \$12,900 in the 2011 budget, a 0% increase over 2010. Ms. Maloney detailed participating Town's usage levels and percentages of contributions, and the Board expressed concerns with the disparity in the latter. The Board requested Ms. Maloney provide them with a detailed report including the number of unduplicated riders and total denials. No other decisions were made.

Health and Human Services: Presented as \$63,655, a decrease of \$20,640. The Board requested that staff confirm that there is utilization of the AIDS Response Seacoast organization. Staff will contact them to verify.

Discussion ensued regarding the annual appropriation to the Red Cross. Mr. Hohenberger moved and Mr. Hohenberger seconded to zero out the \$1,000 Red Cross appropriation and add same to the Helping Hands appropriation. After a brief discussion regarding possible impact to services, motion passed 4-0.

Lengthy discussion ensued regarding the Town's Mosquito Control Program, budgeted at \$27,000. Mr. Hohenberger moved and Mr. McLeod seconded to reconsider including this appropriation. Mr. Sullivan then clarified that \$25,000 of this appropriation represents preventative larvacide spraying of over 500 sites in Town, with the remaining \$2K allocated for emergency spraying. Further discussion ensued regarding possible measures to reduce the cost and whether the program was effective/necessary.

Motion passed 3-1, with Mr. McMahon opposed. No further changes were made.

General Assistance: Presented as a level funded \$57,040. No changes were made.

Administration: Presented as \$497,535, a decrease of \$11,531. Brief discussion ensued regarding postage expenses, with no changes made. Additional discussion was had regarding dues paid to the Local Government Center and benefits thereof. Staff will provide the Board with detailed information regarding the full benefits garnered from these dues. No changes were made.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Sullivan requested that the Board consider re-addressing their vote to move forward to declare various unaccepted roads as emergency lanes for the purpose of winter maintenance. He indicated that, by doing so, staff would be afforded more time to address the existing list and educate the public. After a brief discussion, Mr. Hohenberger moved and Mr. McLeod seconded to reconsider the previous vote. Passed 4-0.

Further discussion ensued regarding the financial/bond data requested by the Board, which Mrs. Call advised is available in the Administrative Office. Mr. Hohenberger then moved and Mr. McLeod seconded to maintain the previous status quo as to how unaccepted subdivision roadways are plowed; and to readdress this matter in the spring. Passed 4-0.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: Mr. Hohenberger moved and Mr. McLeod seconded to enter into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II a. Roll call vote all "yes". The topic of discussion was personnel, and the Board and Mr. Sullivan were present.

Mr. Sullivan advised the Board of a request to extend a leave of absence. Mr. Hohenberger moved and Mr. McLeod seconded to extend the leave to January 3, 2011. Passed 4-0.

Mr. Hohenberger moved and Mr. Stearns seconded to adjourn.

Passed 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendi Devlin, Administrative Assistant

Note: These minutes are in draft form and have not been submitted to the Board for approval.