

Board of Selectmen's Minutes
Tuesday, January 2, 2007
Town Hall, 5:30pm

Preliminary

Chairman Jack O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 5:32pm.

Present Chairman Jack O'Reilly, Vice Chair Jan Stuart, Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi.

Selectman Stuart moved to go into non-public at 5:33pm under RSA 91-A,II – (a) Personnel with Selectman Iocovozzi seconding and on a roll call vote, motion passed.

At 6:07pm, Selectman Stuart moved to come out of non public and seal the minutes, Selectman Iocovozzi seconding and on a roll call vote motion passed.

At that time (6:15pm), the meeting was moved to the DeRochemont Room and the Pledge of Allegiance preformed.

Selectman Stuart moved to approve the minutes of December 11, 18 and the sealed non public meeting held December 26. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Conservation Commission Budget

The 2006 approved budget for the Conservation Commission was \$ 12,055. Their request for 2007 was \$45,090.

2006 Breakdown-Budgeted	2007 Breakdown-Requested
Wages-Secretarial \$ 1,200	\$ 5,190
Legal 1,500	10,000
Operation Exp/Supp 155	200
Beautification 200	0
Dues/Workshops	200
Wetlands Consultant 5,000	25,000
Wetlands Ref Books	500
Town Forest 4,000	4,000

Barbara McDonald and Jane Hislop presented. There was much discussion regarding the Wetlands Consultant projects. Although the prime wetlands were done, the indexing of smaller wetlands' pockets should have been identified as well as inventorying endangered species throughout the Town. Over the \$45,090, they would like an additional \$ 10,000. Attention will have to be given to the storm water drainage with the Spaulding Turnpike project. Barbara spoke of a Conservation Easement being placed on the Fox Point property to better ensure it will not be developed or sold ever. Chairman O'Reilly asked the Administrative Assistant to contact the Town's Counsel regarding that issue. In an effort to attain this budget request, the Conservation Commission said they would forego this year's warrant article requesting funds to add to the existing Capital Reserve, however the Selectmen felt adding to this fund annually is important incase unexpected land becomes available to preserve. Chairman O'Reilly recommended a budget of \$ 22,940 bringing the legal and consultant line down, however, Selectman Iocovozzi felt a level funded budget of \$ 12,055 and encouraging the Con. Comm to look into Warrant Articles to fund their projects would work better. ***Selectman Iocovozzi moved to maintain the Conservation Commission budget at \$ 12,055 and for that Commission to look into Warrant Articles for the remainder needed. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0.***

Police Department Budget

Chief Jon Tretter was accompanied by Police Commissioner Jack Hoyt to present their budget. In 2006, their approved budget was \$1,138,725. This year, their request is for \$1,143,362. Chief Tretter began by stating that the over time line will be 9% down due to the fact that all officers are back in service. We will find a 25% decrease in equipment funding, a 33% discount in outside detail salaries, an 80% decrease in part time officers but an 11.6% increase for Health to mention a few of the highlights. As far as steps for the staff, there is an adequate ladder set up to out last future steps needed. *Selectman Iocovozzi moved to recommend the Police Budget to the Budget Committee in the amount of \$ 1,143,362 with Selectman Stuart seconding. Motion passed 3-0.*

Emergency Management

Chief Tretter showed that the request should be for \$ 15,200. A computer is needed. A vote for this budget will come under the Selectmen.

Carriage House at Fox Point

Charlie Smart, our Building Inspector showed the Board plans drawn by SDA, our architects for the Carriage House at Fox Point. He spoke of basement placement of kitchen and bathrooms in one plan and showed an alternate. Nothing at this time is suggested for the 2nd level. Chairman O'Reilly felt an outside access bathroom should be a consideration. Selectmen Stuart thought that the Building Advisory Committee should be appointed this evening so that they can get involved with input. *Jan Stuart moved to appoint Robert Simms, Leslie Brock, Cliff Abbott, and Laura Peterson to the Carriage House/Fox Point Building Advisory Committee. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded and the motion passed 3-0.* Charlie will speak to the architects and ask for a bit more time before a decision will be made. The Board did add though, that if they had to state a preference at this time, they would tend to be swayed to a 1 floor plan.

Old Town Hall Unspent Bond Funds

Our Auditor, Vachon & Clukay forwarded year end audit entries in the amount of \$ 54,650.65 which when applied to the spending out of acct 01-4902-61-720 shows that we spent \$829,967.36 for Old Town Hall renovations. This calculates to an amount of \$20,032.64 of unspent funds out of the Bond. Treasurer, George Fletcher was going to work with the bank for a new schedule which will reduce our payments while keeping the same interest rate.

Town Facilities Use: C. Cross – OTH – 2nd fl & Kit – Sept 9, 2007 – 9am-2pm
Selectman Stuart moved to approve-Selectman Iocovozzi seconded-Motion passed 3-0.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday January 8 for a budget work session.

Sincerely,

Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant