

Board of Selectmen's Minutes
December 11, 2006
Town Hall – 6:00pm

Preliminary

Chairman Jack O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

Present: Chairman Jack O'Reilly, Selectman Jan Stuart, Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, Library Trustees Dot Noseworthy and Julie Biron, Building Inspector Charlie Smart, Rick Stern of the Cemetery Committee and Len Thomas of Highway.

Library Budget

Chairman O'Reilly so noted the .4% increase for the bottom line which is less than a \$200 increase over last year's request. The Library Trustees were proposing a 2.8% merit increase for both Mary and Becky. The Selectmen asked about the professional cleaning and as Dot explained, it was a heavy duty cleaning, over and above what is expected from our custodian. The Board asked if this special cleaning should be funded under the building maintenance line. The Trustees felt they could have better control and monitor the work personally if under their budget. ***Selectman Stuart moved to recommend the library budget of \$ 59,235 to the Budget Committee with Selectman Iocovozzi seconding. Motion passed 3-0.***

Chairman O'Reilly asked of the bathroom situation whereas the town had begun the process to bring them up to ADA compliance in '06 however due to the high costs when the estimates came in, it was put on hold. The Selectmen asked the Library Trustees for their ideas on layout. Charlie Smart said that a single unisex bathroom is acceptable and also leaves room for a set tub sink. The Selectmen asked Charlie to get a price for consideration for 2007 funding.

State Directional Signs-Shattuck

Planner Tom Morgan will notify the State to proceed with the latest suggested signs as approved by the Selectmen.

Town Hall Old Generator Removal

Selectman Iocovozzi is checking with Kohlhasse to see if he is interested. Badger Rand's proposal of \$700 to remove is on hold until we hear from Kohlhasse.

Highway Budget

The Selectmen felt Brickyard should be funded for '07 with estimates coming in. Because of the time factor, the Board wished to dedicate \$150,000 to Brickyard, and approximately \$30,000 to the grinding and paving of Coleman and propose a total of \$ 190,000 for the paving line.. Gundalow was going to be considered for 2008. The Board said that the engineering could be done for Capt'n Landing in '07 but not the paving. Lenny Thomas was asked to look at Hodgdon Farm Lane to see if the cracks could be patched before the water got in and froze this year. Because of the random testing and safety regulations that will be enforced, it was discussed if the highway department should have its own safety line, however, Charlie Smart says their costs would come out of the E/O safety line. Len is looking at easements for swales as they may differ throughout town. The salary lines will remain the same as they appear to be adequately funded. ***Selectman Stuart moved to recommend the Highway Budget of \$ 331,272. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.***

Selectman Iocovozzi suggested that the Board consider establishing a paving Capital Reserve and Chairman O'Reilly added that they consider establishing one for the future Highway Building. Cos added that in addition to those the Board think about the Mott pond drainage system too.

Cemetery Budget

Discussion began with the Sexton position and how both John Frink and Cliff Abbott share the duties. Generally the Sexton does it all. Rick Stern of the Cemetery Committee said Cliff is doing an excellent job but is on the Committee. The Committee oversees the Sexton and the work. The Selectmen said that the sale of lot money should go in the general fund. Rick spoke of the unresolved issue of the 'general maintenance fund' established under the Trustees vs. perpetual care – which is different. Cliff Abbott was researching to see if this 'general maint fund' was established legally with a vote of the Town and will keep the Board informed. Regarding cemetery maintenance, Rick stated that J. Newick generally does not do a fall or spring clean up and that he and Cliff go through it. The removal of the spruce tree next to the Meeting House is on hold right now. The general supply line should cover grass seed, fertilizer and misc needs. Rick has the stone wall costs which range from \$4,000 to 8,000. There are plenty of posts left over from last year. After discussion, it was suggested that the posts and chains go in place of the stone wall proposal. ***Selectman Stuart moved to recommend the Cemetery Budget in the amount of \$ 18,655 to the Budget Committee. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.***

The Recreation Committee will be presenting their budget on Dec. 18th.

Selectman Stuart moved to adjourn at 7:50pm. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. So moved 3-0.

Respectively Submitted

Beatrice Marconi
Admin. Asst.