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Present was Robert J. Garrity, James C. Lehan, Jack Hathaway, Town Administrator and Marian Harrington, Executive Assistant. James M. Tomaszewski was absent.

This meeting was held in Room 124 of the Town Hall.

Rob Garrity opened the meeting at 7 p.m. Rob announced that this meeting would be audio and video taped. Jack Hathaway read the agenda contents.

JULIE SIEWKO, TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Julie reviewed revenue with the Board. She said that right now we are about \$93,000 ahead. She gave the Board a recap sheet showing receipts through December, 2010.

They asked Bob Bullock about building revenues. Bob was present for a matter before the Board a little later. Bob told them that Borelli is going to start another phase up on the hill. The Village at Rivers Edge is also continuing. He feels the spring will be productive. Julie said building revenues is up 11%.

Julie told the Board she would like to put an article on the annual town meeting for Chief Stone, for 53 ½ for police vehicles – police detail with a car. This would be for a detail for example, Wrentham Outlets where the officer had to bring a cruiser with him. This fund could be built up to replace vehicles.

Jack said that he met with Public Safety department heads and discussed the budget with them. He asked for a level funded budget and a 4% increase budget. Jack explained the four sources of revenue we use. Not sure where it's going with the State funding. Jack had handouts showing cuts within budgets and how it would affect budgets. Jack explained that we are looking at a 12-18% increase in health insurance, and a possible 15% increase in county retirement. Jack said some challenges already are the Fire Department being short with injured staff and the explosion; Building Dept. with expenses, and snow and ice in the DPW. .

PUBLIC HEARING – WATER RATES

At 7:30 p.m., Rob Garrity opened the public hearing. Jim Lehan read the hearing notice.

Jack said that due to illnesses in the DPW office, paperwork wasn't able to be prepared and the Director asked that we continue the hearing.

Jim Lehan moved to continue the hearing to January 24th at 7:45 p.m. in Room 124. Rob Garrity seconded, and it was **so voted**.

FEBRUARY 1 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Arlie Sterling, Advisory Board Chairman was present for the discussion on the special town meeting. The Board gave him a quick update on the financial discussion previously held.

Rob said we are looking at two articles for the special town meeting, both having to do with the photovoltaics.

Bob Bullock said he was told there is wiggle room as to how it was written. He said it was more of a template for the Planning Board to use as a model. Bob explained the articles and what the changes were.

Arlie asked about protection if the contractor went bankrupt or left the job. Jim felt it should be in a contract with the Board of Selectmen, as opposed to the bylaw. Rob pointed out it is in the bylaw already.

Rob asked about Section N currently at the AG's office waiting for approval. Jack said he had hoped to delete and amend. They agreed there will be a handout for town meeting.

Jim questioned the solar area being fenced, and wondered about risk. People wander and he said rather than leave it up to the contractor, we should require fencing. They should want it because they are liable.

Town Counsel has not seen either article, but Bob said Article 2 only has the lot number and book and page changed.

Arlie questioned the Zoning Bylaw Study Committee meeting? Bob said they weren't able to meet for one reason or another. Jim said the ZBSC should not get up at town meeting and say that they have not been informed or had a chance to review this. Rob said he will be at the Planning Board and ConComm meetings to answer any questions.

Jim Lehan moved to close the warrant. Rob Garrity seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jim Lehan moved to open the warrant for the May 10th annual town meeting. Rob Garrity seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jack told the Board that Bob Bullock had a Reserve Fund Transfer for his department. Arlie stayed to hear the discussion. Bob did a spreadsheet explaining why he needs a transfer. The Board discussed with Bob his request for \$9500 to Building salaries. Jack will provide the Advisory Board with the original for their meeting this week.

Jim Lehan moved to approve the Reserve Fund Transfer as stated. Rob Garrity seconded, and it was **so voted**.

ACTION ITEMS

Jim Lehan moved to approve a Common Victualler license for Prime Tyme Pizza, 17 Pine Street. Rob Garrity seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jim Lehan moved to approve a request of the Council on Aging to serve wine at a spaghetti supper being held on Friday, March 4th. Rob Garrity seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jim Lehan moved to approve a request of the Friends of the Norfolk Public Library to serve wine at their Annual Meeting being held on Saturday, February 12th. Rob Garrity seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jim Lehan moved to approve Bob McGhee's request to deficit spend the Snow and Ice Budget. Rob

Garrity seconded, and it was **so voted**.

OLD BUSINESS

Jim Lehan said he met with some of the EDC members and did a recap of where we are and what we need to do. Jim said there are no financials, but he did financials on what revenue could arise.

Jim said we have re-invented the Insurance Advisory Committee and will meet on the 18th, and will review policies with Berry Insurance, who will be attending.

The Energy Committee has been meeting with some NSTAR reps – check with Rob.

Jack said we need to consider capital monies. Jim said we need to meet with Rep. Winslow and Sen. Ross regarding the status of the prison mitigation funds.

Jack said that the tax rate was approved by the Department of Revenue for \$15.10.

Jack said he was informed by Ann Proto that the Lions Club has donated monies to Kids Place.

NEW BUSINESS

Jack talked to Dan and Dan from the Kraft Group re Patriots Place. They are in a holding pattern for the property across the street for a big tenant. They are still working on the footbridge.

Jack has the Purchase and Sales Agreement for the Gumps Farm property. Cyndi Andrade has done a tremendous amount of work with our attorneys to finalize this. CPC has approved this as well. Jack had a conceptual plan for the Board. He said contingencies are in there.

Jim said that Municipal Housing Trust is looking at two parcels to build affordable housing. They will not be side by side.

Jack said the Escrow Agreement will be executed at some point. After the P&S, they will put some monies into escrow. The closing will be February 15th.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Jim Lehan moved to accept the minutes of October 4, 2010; October 18, 2010; November 1, 2010; November 9, 2010; and November 29, 2010 – regular and executive session. Rob Garrity seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Rob announced the impending storm and reminding residents to shovel out hydrants near their homes.

At 8:37 p.m., Jim Lehan moved to go into executive session to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate where being public would be detrimental. Rob Garrity seconded, and it was a roll call vote: Rob Garrity, **aye**; and Jim Lehan, **aye**. It was **so voted**. The Board will not return to open session except to adjourn the meeting.

Rob Garrity said the Board adjourns in memory of the six dead in the Arizona tragedy and Rep. Gabrielle Giffords. We hold them in our prayers.

At 9:00 p.m., being no further business, Jim Lehan moved to adjourn the meeting. Rob Garrity seconded, and it was **so voted**.

This is a true and accurate report of the Selectmen's Meeting of January 10, 2011.

James C. Lehan, Clerk