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

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

Rob Garrity opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. He announced that the meeting was video and audio taped. Jack Hathaway read the agenda contents.

CHERYL KELLEY, BONDS

Present was Cheryl Kelley, Treasurer-Collector and Gail Bernardo, Town Clerk.

Cheryl told the Board that the Bond Sale was on March 9th and the award went to BMO Capital with a 3.863 rate. She said the bond is for \$15,673,000. The breakdown is \$13 million new money for the schools, \$2 million for BAN for school, \$354,000 for the DPW Spruce Road Well Site, \$199,000 for the ambulance and \$120,000 for public safety engineering and architectural services.

Cheryl gave the paperwork to the Board to sign.

Jim Lehan moved that the sale of the \$15,673,000 General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2011 Bonds of the Town dated March 15, 2011 ("the Bonds") to BMO Capital markets GKST Inc. at the price of \$15,968,750.38 and accrued interest is hereby approved and confirmed. The Bonds shall be payable on March 15, 2011 of the years and in the principal amounts and bear interest at the respective rates as attached. Jim Tomaszewski seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jim Lehan said that he wanted to congratulate Cheryl and Jack and her staff for their hard work in securing an AA bond rating. Very good job. Cheryl said it was a group effort.

Jack asked Gail if she wanted to talk about anything. She said she is re-precincting as a result of the census. She hopes to save money on elections, and hopes to be able to go back to 3 precincts.

Jack took a minute to congratulate the KP boys basketball team. He said they played in Section 2 South finals. They were upset by Hopkinton, but they played a great season and broke the team record for wins and advanced further in the season than they ever have.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Jack said he met with David Rosenberg, Chair of the Town Meeting Technology Committee. They are getting the new blog up and residents can contact our office for a password.

Jack said that they gave Constellation Energy a long list of questions, which they answered favorably. They will eliminate the second and third schedules, which is huge.

POLICE CHIEF CHARLES STONE, BUDGET REVIEW

Chief Stone said he did a staff breakdown as he knew the Board was interested in comparing us to area towns. He told the Board we had 5500 in 1980. We added 1000 in 1985. 1990 was 7856; 2000 was 9126; 2005 was 9500; and 2009 was just a little more.

Wrentham has 18 people now. They always had one more than us. Plainville was 16, but are now

14 due to two retirements that they couldn't fill because of the economy.

Chief Stone said he got to 18 only on paper. He never got to hire because of cuts. He was forced to lay off an officer last year. He has been between 15 and 17 since 1994. He has been treading water since, but the call volume has increased.

Chief Stone told the Board he is not replacing people on leave – vacation, sick, funerals, so he is short staffed every day. If they are full staffed, they do radar, etc. Other than the midnight shift, they go short staffed. He has to comply with the collective bargaining agreement. He has 3 shifts, 4 men per shift, 12 shifts per day.

Chief Stone said the population in 1990 was 7800. In 2009 it was 9400. He said you have to realize that not just residents increase, but how many new businesses have come to Norfolk? He told the Board that he needs to know where he's going to be with the budget if he doesn't have to absorb another layoff.

Jack said that in 2006 there were 15,000 incidents. In 2010, there were 8,000. It looks like less crime in Norfolk, but that's not the whole story. Chief Stone said the rest of the story is that there are less police officers, less people on shifts, less reserve officers, moved one young go getter extremely aggressive officer so pro-active calls decreased because of a lower force. Not a good thing. In this economy, types of crime are going up – crime, domestic violence, breaking and entering.

Chief Stone also said that there is lost of B&E's. Larceny. They are taking copper. They are going into new developments and taking metals and even manhole covers. They sell for scrap whatever they can get. There are quick scores – lots of drug activity. Chief Stone doesn't have enough men.

He said when we had the gas explosion at Rivers Edge, he pulled all his men from details and sent them. He sent all his shifts. Everyone available went. He normally wouldn't have access to details.

Jim Lehan said as the liaison to public safety, he gave accolades to the Police Department. He said there are many serious, major events that no one is even aware of. More in the last couple of years, than prior years. He thanked them for everything.

Rob said your budget has 16 officers. He shifted gears and asked Chief Stone about the revolving article on the warrant. Chief Stone said he has details where he has to use a cruiser. Such as the Rt. 115 project, or on Fruit Street when the trees were down in the storm. He is talking a night detail or an area where you may not see the officer. He would like a new charge for a detail if a vehicle is included. Probably \$75 or \$80.

Chief Stone wanted to talk cruisers. He said he has approximately 15 cars. He said he just got two vehicles back; one had been in an accident on Rt. 1A and the other had water damage. He will keep them. He is getting into expensive fixes. He said his budget of \$18-\$20,000 usually pays for brake pads, filters, oil, shocks, batteries, tires, alternators, transmission fluid, or windshield wipers. He said now they are doing engines, transmission rebuilds, rear end rebuilds, trans case rebuilds, springs, shocks, tie rods, ball joints, aluminum manifolds and rebuilding seats. The Chief said these are things we don't typically budget for as we don't keep vehicles this long.

Chief Stone had with him a duffel bag containing equipment his officers all wear. He had a gun and

gun belt, bullet proof vest, and other equipment. He said his officers weigh between 125 and the Chief is 260. He said this is approximately 30 lbs. of equipment. This breaks down the seats. The gun belt rips and tears the seat.

Jim Lehan asked with the Crown Vic's gone, what is his next choice? Chief Stone said Ford has the Interceptor, Chevrolet the Impala and Dodge Charger. This is the last real year for the Crown Vic. He said he will make the decision when he purchases. He need something with meat on it so it will last. He said the problem is that since they've bought one car in the last 3 years, coming up on 4 years, he has a stock of parts for the Crown Vic.

Rob asked him how many marked vehicles he has. Chief Stone said 8 are marked. Rob asked if he really needs 8 marked. Chief Stone said yes. He just lost 2 vehicles – one to an accident, and one to an insurance job. So he was short 2 cars. Every day one car is down for maintenance. He rotates cars. He doesn't have them all out at once. He said he hears people always commenting on them leaving the cars running. Chief Stone said they have no garage space. His analogy is – do you want us to jump in a car and come help you with your heart attack, or do you want to wait for us to start the car and scrape it off? They keep the cars running to keep the windshields free of ice and snow and fog inside. But running them does use more gas and there is wear and tear. He said the vehicles are old. Sometimes they haven't started. All things to consider.

Rob asked Jack if the capital money is still available in the budget? Jack said there is \$100,000 today in the capital line item. He would recommend two vehicles for the Chief.

BOB MCGHEE, INTERIM DPW DIRECTOR

Bob McGhee gave the Board a breakdown on his budget. He said these are FY'10 actuals. He is trying to control fuel. It's gone crazy. He is trying to do less runs. They are working on consolidating. Maybe a compactor.

He said they have considered a sticker by mail program. If you pay by mail, you save \$5. If you pick it up, you pay the extra \$5. Sort of the same idea as the Registry with registration/decals.

Jim T. asked about bags. Bob said we may filter bags in slowly until stickers go away. Bob said we pay by weight, so if we do the bags, it'll help keep the weight down. Some people now double bag their trash which adds weight. They discussed phasing bags in when it's appropriate.

Rob Garrity moved that vehicle decals shall be \$65 with the opportunity for residents to purchase via mail-in program at \$60. Second decal shall be \$5. Jim Tomaszewski seconded. Jim Lehan said the second decal should be \$10 as presented by Bob. It was discussed, and Rob amended the motion to have the second sticker at \$5 for the mail-in program, and \$10 if you pick it up. Jim Tomaszewski seconded, and it was **so voted**. The original motion was also **so voted**.

Bob said the Solid Waste and Water budgets are pretty much approved. The Board and Bob decided to have a workshop on the 23rd to discuss the DPW budgets.

The Board agreed with Bob to give residents advance notice of the town bags. Give people the option.

Bob told the Board that the Rt. 115 is starting up again. He said he drove by and that's how he found out. He was surprised he didn't receive notice from the State.

He told the Board he cleaned the Spruce Road supplemental well and it's coming back really good. It's 186 gal/minutes at 14.3 feet. He would like to clean the primary Gold St. well as he doesn't believe it's ever been cleaned.

Jim T. asked the status of Miller and Myrtle Street? Jack said it's an article on the warrant. Bob said it's an article for site easement only.

Jack told Paul Vito, who was in the audience, that he has a request from the Girl Scouts to collect used luggage at the Transfer Station to donate to someone. Paul said he could find an area on the island.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT (Continued)

Action Items

Jim Lehan moved to allow the Girl Scouts to collect luggage at the Transfer Station on Saturday, March 26th during business hours. Jack will work details out with Paul Vito. Jim Tomaszewski seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jim Lehan moved to allow Norfolk Baseball to hold their annual parade on Saturday, April 23rd at 12 noon at the H. Olive Day School and proceeding to the Freeman Centennial School. Jim Tomaszewski seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jack discussed the banner that the Library would like to install for their annual book/bake sale. Jack said we have a bylaw that will only allow them to put up a banner for a two week time frame. They usually hold their sale the last week of April, but because that is Easter weekend this year, they have to hold it earlier. They requested more time to be able to advertise longer. The Board agreed they are restricted to the two week time frame.

Other Items

Jack gave an update of the budget. He said he needs to work out salary adjustments for personnel employees. Steps are figured; we need to figure COLA. Jack said it is an \$18,000 range. We need to talk for the warrant article, to see what we want to recommend.

Jim T. said he is concerned about the schools. Municipal having salary increases, but none for the schools. Rob said he was moved by Supt. Jackson's presentation at the Advisory Board. Our budgets are out of whack compared to other towns. We are losing 50 students to KP. Jim L. said he is waiting to see a realistic KP budget. He met with Supt. Jackson today. He asked for a budget that is where she would like it. She said 12% increase.

Jim L. would like KP to have a budget that reflects where they could be on what they have. He said the salary increase from the Schools on the year that we took the freeze was \$375,000. There has to be a reflection on what the economy is. Municipal budget is \$7 million; school is \$10 million.

Jack said that 7% of the police dept. was lost last year. We can't lose town hall; and if we lose a paramedic, we lose certification. Jack said there is nothing on the state budget yet. They are trying to do a resolution for the floor on local aid.

Warrant Discussion

Jack said there is one more article coming from DPW; moving money from one project to another –

water.

Rob Garrity moved to include the article for borrowing of Article 11 of the Fall Town Meeting 2010. Jim Tomaszewski seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Rob Garrity suggested putting an article on the warrant to authorize the Board of Selectmen to advertise and sell the old town hall property, and to retain the ability to use the garage, and retain the ability to use town pond. The Board agreed.

Jack said we received a letter from the owner of a car business asking that we change the zoning so he can sell used cars. This will be forwarded to the Zoning Bylaw Study Committee for review.

Jack said that we received a request by a major developer in town to create a new solar photovoltaic area.

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

Jack said he and Bob McGhee met with the foreman of the Rt. 115 project and discussed cost overruns and rare underruns. We are responsible for any cost overruns greater than 10%. They can't get an answer of what falls in and what doesn't. We had told them that flagmen and details would be around \$500,000. Jack said they have tried to talk to them about what is the 10% that we may be responsible for. They aren't forthcoming. Lynch has used too much asphalt, and that is a problem. The State is looking into that. The project is way ahead of schedule, but Jack doesn't have a good feeling.

The Board agreed to schedule a site visit for Paddocks and Corrals. They need to review the open meeting law.

Acceptance of Minutes

Jim Lehan moved to accept the minutes of December 2, 2010; December 8, 2010; December 13, 2010; December 20, 2010 – regular and executive session; January 10, 2011 – regular and executive session; and January 24, 2011. Jim Tomaszewski seconded, and it was **so voted**.

At 9:13 p.m., being no further business, Rob Garrity moved to adjourn the meeting. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

This is a true and accurate report of the Selectmen's Meeting of March 14, 2011.

James C. Lehan, Clerk