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

Jim Tomaszewski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in Room 124 of the Town Hall. He announced that the meeting is both audio and video recorded. Jack Hathaway read the agenda contents.

SCOTT BRAGDON, REVIEW OF POLICIES

Scott reviewed the Selectmen's policies with the Board. He went through each policy, and discussed any revisions.

Scott mentioned the Internet Use Policy, and there was discussion about whether Twitter should be allowed. Jack said that Twitter could be used as an informational tool. Facebook seemed to be okay.

It was agreed to prohibit from accessing without prior approval from the Town Administrator.

Jim Lehan moved to accept the policies as amended. Rob Garrity seconded, and it was **so voted**.

TOWN MEETING

Jack talked about town meeting and the town center concept. Jim L. said it's a great idea, but we aren't there to have a concept for the residents to review and vote. Jim feels that the spring town meeting would give us time to do it right, and we get a larger audience in the spring. We could possibly have Atty. Mark Bobrowski come in and do a presentation as a 40R, and discuss the pros and cons. He doesn't see us close. We are two weeks away.

Jim T. agreed and said he could do a quick version of his presentation to who is there at the Fall Town Meeting. Rob is torn between the regulars who show up and we are wasting their time when there is nothing to vote on. Jim T. said we should do it and keep it brief. Rob is very supportive.

Walter Byron, EDC member who was present, wants to know what feedback we got from Mark or Judy regarding this. Have they done anything with their progress. Jim L. said that Judy said we don't have enough time, she has not enough input and she would like it done later.

Jim L. said it needs to be done later. We need input, but we need boundaries around the framework to get input. We also need more funding to do this. The grant funds isn't enough. We need this outside resource.

Bob Nicodemus, EDC Chairman, said there is graphic database that is accessible.

Jack said that we could add this to transfers for town meeting, and use free cash as funding. Transfer some cash to the Advisory Board's fund, and get a transfer that way. We would have to go through procurement. Keep it under the amount. The Board agreed to keep it under the procurement laws.

The Board suggested doubling the \$30,000 in the Advisory Board fund to \$60,000, and do a 10 or 15 minute 40R presentation at town meeting.

Bob said there is a SWAP meeting tomorrow and they will try to get input from other communities on housing.

Jack said regarding open space property, Town Counsel said there is no official bankruptcy filing as yet, and a resident has an attachment on the open space and other property and we need to see if we can get him to release it. We can still go forward with the article.

ACTION ITEMS

Jim Lehan moved to award a contract to Advantage Drug Testing, Andover, MA for a three year period commencing on January 1, 2012 and ending on December 31, 2014 for the administration of a Drug and Alcohol Testing Program for municipal employees. Rob Garrity seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jim Lehan moved to award a contract to all bidders listed below under the SERSG DPW Services IFB for a twelve (12) month period commencing on January 1, 2012. Rob Garrity seconded, and it was **so voted**.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Jack said Prison Mitigation Funding for \$88,804.45 should arrive next week. We received notice from the State. Jack stated it has to be appropriated for capital. Jim T. would be curious how they arrived at that amount. Jim suggested reactivating the Capital Outlay Committee and have them see how we should use this in the spring. The Board thanked Rep. Winslow and Senator Ross for their help.

Jack said that regarding the letter from Bob McGhee regarding transfers, we will not have to transfer the storm related amounts because we will get FEMA funds that will assist us with these expenses. The auditor advised us to do the FEMA accounting all together.

BUDGET – 2013

Jack did a draft of the FY13 Budget Projection. He showed revenue changes, and expense changes. Ambulance receipts are down. Not less activity, but changes in the insurance process.

Jack feels we have \$200K of new revenue to allocate between municipal and elementary schools.

The Board suggested having Don Seymour, our Tri-County rep, attend a meeting to discuss Tri-County's budget.

Jack mentioned a gentleman from Rivers Edge who was the former Fire Chief in Winchendon and Tree Warden in Dover. He sent a letter asking the Board to put pressure on NStar to remove trees around electrical wires as well as the non-electric wires such as cable, etc. He said we could do that through the pole hearings. DPU is having a hearing tomorrow night that he and Ed Nolan are going to. NStar is coming on Thursday to talk with us.

Jack mentioned friction between the Conservation Commission and the School Committee regarding the new playground. Jack told counsel not to spend time working on this. He did not want to spend the money. Jim Lehan, as liaison to both, will work on this.

Jack mentioned the article requiring land use boards and the Selectmen to audio tape every

meeting. The Board of Selectmen is against removing it. Jack and the Advisory Board are for removing it. Jack said he would like to be able to have a meeting that isn't taped, to brainstorm and make comments or a first draft of something like budgets. He would like working sessions without votes that aren't taped, and then do the votes in public session and tape it. Minutes can be taken. Jim L. said that things can totally be taken out of perspective. Jim said you are giving people fodder for making something that isn't there.

The Tax Rate Hearing will be held on 12/13 at 1 p.m.

We will have a Class 3 license hearing for Norfolk Auto that is required annually to renew his license, at our December 20th meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Rob Garrity moved to accept minutes of June 29, 2011; July 5, 2011 – regular and executive session; July 19, 2011; August 2, 2011; August 16, 2011; September 6, 2011; and September 28, 2011 – regular and executive session. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jack reminded people of town meeting on November 30, 2011 at KP Middle School at 7 p.m.

At 9:12 p.m., Jim Lehan moved to go into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body, and the chair so declares. Rob Garrity seconded, and it was a roll call vote: Jim Lehan, **aye**; Jim Tomaszewski, **aye**; and Rob Garrity, **aye**. The Board will only return to open session to adjourn the meeting.

At 9:40 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 November 15, 2011.

Robert J. Garrity, Clerk