

November 20, 2012

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

The meeting was held in Room 124, Town Hall. Jim Lehan opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m., and announced that the meeting will be audio and video taped. Jack Hathaway read the agenda contents.

EMILY BUGBEE, DECA

Emily Bugbee, Norfolk and Kayla McGhehey, Wrentham were present to discuss their DECA project which was on Mitochondrial disease. The disease is mostly genetic and affects mainly children. However, it can affect adults and can be spontaneous. They passed around bracelets supporting their cause. They have a website and would like donations. This does not have a cure. The financial impacts are tremendous. You can reach them through King Philip if you would like to donate to their cause.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Action Items

Scott Bugbee moved to appoint Christopher Allen to the Capital Outlay Committee, term to expire June 30, 2013. Rob Garrity seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Rob Garrity moved to appoint Mary Lou Navin to the Design Review Board, term to expire June 30, 2014. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Rob Garrity moved to award contracts to bidders listed on the attached sheet for SERSG DPW Services for a thirteen month period commencing on January 1, 2013. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

HUNTING BYLAW

Bill Slattery, 110 Park Street was present to talk about the Hunting Bylaw Article on the Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Police Chief Stone was also in attendance. Bill discussed his concerns with the bylaw. He is concerned about being a hunter and a resident. He doesn't like having to call the police every day. Chief Stone said that he does want a list of people who are hunting, and where. The rights should be with the property owner, not the hunter. The property owner's rights will be protected. Bill mentioned they went looking for the trespassing signs, and they weren't done legally.

It was mentioned that some hunters remove the signs so they can hunt. Jim said that this says that if a hunter doesn't have permission, then they can't hunt. The final vote will be at the special town meeting on November 29th.

CAPITAL ITEMS

Bob McGhee, DPW Director and Police Chief Stone were present to discuss their capital items - vehicles.

Jack reviewed the items. Jack said that we are looking at vehicles for DPW and Police. He briefly explained the need. DPW needs vehicles for the Superintendents, and the Building Commissioner needs a new vehicle. Jack feels that the Police can hand a vehicle down to him, if we provide him with new vehicles.

Chief Stone said that he is looking at Utility Interceptors because he needs the room. He said not only head room, but room in the back for his supplies – defibrillators, flares, etc.

Chief Stone said he has a Ford Expedition, 2002 Taurus and a marked M2 vehicle which needs to be retired. Chief said that he will probably hand the Ford Expedition to the Building Dept., although it probably will only last a few years. The Taurus has been out for awhile; that has all wheel drive. The Chief said that the fantastic job that the DPW does allows them to be able to move around in a blizzard.

Rob questioned all the vehicles in the fleet, but only four cops out in patrol on a shift. The Chief responded that this allows them to be easier on the vehicles. He said his vehicles are always on a fast pace – they are responding to emergencies. They don't get to just do a leisurely drive to a call. This is wear and tear on the vehicles. By having these vehicles in his fleet, they can rotate and one vehicle isn't taking the heat.

Chief Stone also said his vehicles aren't housed, so his vehicles wear out much more than fire vehicles. He said they are in the sun, heat, cold, snow. They are out there all the time. They are constantly idling. He said they have been replacing front end, rear end, light bars, etc. He did say that being inside a building makes a big difference.

Jack said that he neglected to add a Ford Fiesta for Assessors on the list. Jack listed it at \$14,000, but it will probably be about \$11,000. Rob questioned do we want to do five years. Jim said we could stagger it. A substantial amount of debt will be coming off the books.

Rob Garrity moved to support the recommendation that we use existing debt to fund highway plow, sander and solid waste, three police vehicles, and an Assessor vehicle – non-exempt debt. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

MAILBOX POLICY

Bob McGhee said he had no help in this October storm because it came fast and early, and most contractors were still working. He said they did a lot of lawn damage, and took out at least 20 mailboxes. He said he doesn't know what to do. They had to repair a mailbox for a resident who couldn't get his medicine, because it was of an emergency nature.

Bob said that it is not the blade, it is the snow. The snow off the plow is taking out the mailboxes.

Jack said Tim (Highway Supt) had photos of rotted out poles, and people are taking advantage of the policy. Jim said that there are some older folks that just don't have the capability of doing the work, and we should help them. Jim said that we should use last year's policy, and only replace the mailbox for a hardship. Bob said they have new equipment and angle blades so it mostly snow that is hitting the boxes, not the plow blade.

Chief Stone said residents, for the winter, should use a bucket and fill it with sand and use that as a mailbox until spring. Perhaps the Boy Scouts would be willing to assist in replacing mailboxes in the spring.

Bob said the policy is \$60 and you fix it yourself. Bob said he will look into the hardship. Bob will draft a policy that can be voted at our next meeting.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT (Cont)

Jack reported that he spoke with George Valone, and he is aware that he missed the window for the Fall Special Town Meeting zoning changes. He is hoping to close on Southwood soon.

Jack said the Town did not receive the funding for the Liberty Lane bridge from MassWorks.

Jack stated that we are working still on the truck exclusion, with Wrentham's assistance.

Jack noted that he and Chief Stone, Chief Bushnell, Ed Nolan, Bob McGhee and Paul Vito attended a regional Hazmat Table Top exercise on November 15th. It was an effort of the Central Norfolk County Regional Emergency Planning Committee which involved Sharon, Millis, Walpole, Norfolk, Canton, Westwood, Medway, Norwood, Red Cross, MEMA and Steward Hospital.

Jack reminded residents that the fall special town meeting will be held at the new Freeman-Kennedy School on Thursday, November 29th at 7 p.m.

Rob recognized all the great achievements by the King Philip sports teams.

Jack congratulated the DECA students for advertising their projects.

At 9:02 p.m., being no further business, Rob Garrity moved to adjourn the meeting. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

This is a true and accurate report of the Selectmen's Meeting of November 20, 2012.

Scott Bugbee, Clerk