

- 1, 2. Convene the meeting/Non Public Session.

Chairman Ingram convened the Board at 6:30PM. It was moved and seconded to adjourn to a non-public sessions under RSA 91-A to discuss a personnel matter.

3. Reconvene regular meeting – 7:00PM.

Chairman Ingram reconvened the Board at 7:00PM in the Nowak Room of the Town Office and introduced other members of the Board. Also present: Robert Eastman, Paul Binette, William Campbell, Joseph Pace and Town Manager Russell Dean. Chairman Ingram noted this was the last Selectmen's meeting at which Barbara Blenk was to attend and asked Mr. Dean to introduce Julie Lund, Barbara's replacement as Administrative Assistant/H. R. Director. Ms. Lund was called to the microphone. The Board welcomed her.

4. Minutes: January 23, 2006.

Mr. Binette moved to accept the minutes of January 23, 2006 as presented; second by Mr. Campbell. VOTE: Unanimous.

5. Appointments: Recreation Advisory Board, Water/Sewer Advisory

Mr. Eastman moved to appoint Laura Holmes as a full member of the Water & Sewer Advisory Committee, effective February 6, 2006, to fill the unexpired term of Herb Moyer ending April 30, 2007; second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: Unanimous.

6. Bid Awards: Loader, DPW.

Mr. Dean recommended awarding the bid to Nortrax Equipment Company in the amount of \$145,700. He noted the John Deere loader specified in the bid is the only loader to handle the Town's snow blower attachment, weighing nearly 8200 lbs. The loader is subject to funding in the 2006 budget; the price has been obtained prior to the Town vote (March 14, 2006) for DPW planning purposes.

Mr. Binette asked Jay Perkins (Highway Supt) about the warranty. Mr. Perkins stated it was 1 year, bumper to bumper with options for two additional years. **Mr. Binette moved to approve awarding the bid for the second Public Works loader to Nortrax, Inc., in the amount of \$145,700 subject to voter approval on March 14, 2006; second by Mr. Campbell. VOTE: Unanimous.**

7. Meeting with Board: Don Brabant (Treasurer) and Jack Sheehy (Finance Dir) re Town banking services.

Mr. Pace, being an employee of one of the banks involved in the bid process, excused himself from the discussion and vote, though noted he was not in that particular division of the bank but wanted to avoid any perception he was involved in the process.

Mr. Brabant provided the Board with the attached memo regarding the bid process, emphasizing that beginning January, 2006, Bank of America was to start charging fees against out account. After review of services, Citizen's Bank stood above the rest, particularly with the range of services and that decisions are made by the local department (i.e. overdraft situations) rather than at a corporate level.

Mr. Campbell moved to approve the award the bid for banking services to Citizen's Bank, effective February 6, 2006; second by Mr. Binette. VOTE: 4-0, with Mr. Pace abstaining.

8. Review Warrant Articles from Deliberative Session:

One change was made at Saturday's Deliberative session: Article 15 (Holland Way/Hampton Road intersection work) was changed from \$130,000 to \$75,000. It was noted at that meeting the Board may wish to reconsider its vote for support of the article.

Mr. Eastman moved the Board support Article 15 as amended; second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: Unanimous. Mr. Campbell, who had been the lone vote against the original article, noted the price dropping, along with the \$20,000 to be received from Stop and Shop was a good reason to vote for the project. The Town Meeting Warrant will reflect the change in amount and Board vote.

The Board stated they thought the Deliberative Session went well and appreciated the support of the Town Manager, Department Managers and employees, as well as residents who attended. Moderator Tucker was also thanked for his services. Chairman Ingram suggested the Town needs to work on getting more than the 100 of the 14000 voters in attendance next year.

9. Request to disburse ambulance funds: Defibrillators.

Chief Brian Comeau was present to discuss the proposed purchase of new defibrillators, as discussed during the budget review process. The department purchased several in 2001 and after thousands of calls, it is time to replace them. The current units are no longer within the warranty period and are reaching the end of their useful life and service contracts.

The Department requests the Board authorize a fund transfer from the ambulance trust totaling \$47,520. This project will replace both of the manual defibrillators in the ambulances and the automatic defibrillator in the fire apparatus. This also includes a new Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for the Town Office. Chief Comeau reported Medtronic Emergency Response Systems is the sole vendor for the equipment.

Mr. Eastman questioned the amount requesting, noting paperwork received last week quoted \$47,527.02. Chief Comeau stated the prices, through today, were the \$47,520. ***Mr. Eastman moved to approve the disbursement of \$47,520 from the Ambulance Fund for the purpose of purchasing replacement defibrillators; second by Mr. Binette. VOTE: Unanimous.*** The Chief reported the fund balance, as of February 6, 2006, is \$262,629.

As a side note, Mr. Dean asked the Chief to update the Board on the recent drill process. Chief Comeau stated the recent "first Seabrook drill" went well with few deficiencies to address before the next drill. He thanked all departments for their professionalism and noted we scored well, particularly through shift changes and varying issues that arose. The second planned drill will be more involved

with some FEMA representatives observing. The third and final drill will be graded, with FEMA through the Seacoast area. Mr. Dean appreciated the helpful guidance provided him during his first drill, noting the events were all 'real time' and gave participants a true sense of the event.

10. Second Reading: Police Detail Cruiser Fee.

As discussed at the last meeting, the cruiser fee is associated with Police details and is currently \$8.00 per hour, proposed to increase to \$10. The fee covers the cost of fuel, maintenance and operation of the vehicle. Discussion involved making the adjustment immediate or, as with past practice, 7 days after passage. ***Mr. Eastman moved to amend the Fee Schedule for the Police Department cruiser fee from \$8.00 to \$10.00 per hour effective February 7, 2006 with implementation February 13, 2006; second by Mr. Binette. VOTE: Unanimous.***

11. First reading: Town Mileage Reimbursement Rate 2006

Mr. Dean reported the IRS has announced their reimbursement rates for FY06 at 44.5 cents per mile for business miles driven. The Town's current rate is 40.5 cents per mile. The positions using their own vehicles for town business include the part-time Deputy Health Office, Town Planner, Building Inspector and PT Planning Inspectors.

Mr. Binette requested a list of who uses their personal vehicles, particularly for events out of town (i.e. meetings in Concord, seminars, etc.). He suggested that when trips to Concord are scheduled, those needing Town vehicles should have priority over those using the vehicle locally. Mrs. Blenk noted those at the Town Office currently sign up in advance for use of the Town car and when longer trips are necessary, they usually get the vehicle. Mr. Dean will provide the list to the Board.

12. District Court Update

Mr. Campbell (Board Representative to that Committee) reported he and Mr. Dean met with State Senator Maggie Hassan on Friday concerning the status of the District Court. She had met with Chief Justice Broderick in November but nothing to date has happened due to the person originally appointed to handle the issue chose not to so was relieved from duty. His replacement is Phillip Lovell but nothing has yet been scheduled. She will check with representatives of Towns on the next step and when to meet.

Chairman Ingram noted he spoke with Senator Hassan at the Deliberative Session and relayed to her that the Town's concern is not only over the cost for police to attend court, but the residents using the courts and their added costs. The Board agreed to have Mr. Campbell continue as Board representative to the Committee.

13. Town Manager's Report:

- He asked for the Board's consensus to go forward with applying to the Coastal Program for a grant which would provide funds to review our Zoning Ordinances and create a sub-committee of the Land Use Committees for that purpose. Mr. Eastman felt if the process would review the whole book he would be very interested. Chairman Ingram asked if the process was done, would the result be brought forward to this Board. Mr. Dean thought probably. Mr. Eastman suggested residents also be a part of the Committee, noting that only

members from land use committees may provide a special interest committee with no counter argument as part of the discussion. He feels some zoning issues violate the individual property owners' rights and he wants those rights protected.

- The sound problem with the Cable TV has, hopefully, been solved, with a new modulator installed by Comcast this past week.

14. Permits.

- A raffle permit is requested by the Exeter Wrestling Team from February 1 through March 6th (selling each day) to benefit the team's expenses. ***Mr. Campbell moved to approve the permit as presented; second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: Unanimous.***

15. Selectmen's Committee Reports:

Mr. Eastman: None

Mr. Binette: None for the Recreation Advisory Committee. Negotiations for the DPW collective bargaining agreement is at a standstill.

Mr. Campbell: Water/Sewer Advisory met last week to discuss the presentation of the water tower to the deliberative session. Fact sheets were prepared. The next meeting, and subsequent meetings, will be held the first Wednesday of each month, with the beginning of water rate discussions to take place at the March meeting.

Mr. Pace: Arts Committee meets this Thursday.

Mr. Ingram: None.

Mr. Eastman asked if the Water and Sewer Advisory Committee is now meeting on a regular schedule, should the meetings be considered for viewing on Cable. Mr. Dean will check with Sam Bruno concerning scheduling and staffing.

Public Comments: None.

Mr. Eastman moved to adjourn; second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: Unanimous. Time: 8:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Blenk
AA/HR Dir.

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