

Minutes of June 13, 2011

The Meeting was opened at 6:30 PM; members present were Lawrence H. Davis, III and Nathaniel H. Yohalem.

The minutes of June 6th were approved as amended.

The Board reviewed and discussed a letter that will be sent out to all voters of the Town regarding the upcoming Special Town Meeting and Special Town Election.

Mr. Yohalem advised that he had talked with Roger Levine, Solid Waste Coordinator, regarding the maintenance work and proposed upgrades at the Transfer Station. Mr. Levine would be out of Town this week but will report back to the Board on the progress sometime next week.

The Board reviewed and discussed a letter received from the Rescue Squad regarding a request to having a paid clerk position. Joe Krejci explained to the Board that the position requires more responsibilities because of the addition of reporting mandates by the State and that the Squad voted to have the clerk receive pay because of those added duties. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to authorize the payment of a salary for the clerk position from the Ambulance Comstar Account.

Mr. Davis advised that the Board has adopted an updated Town Personnel Policy and that the Board also has met with Highway Superintendent Peter Marks and have agreed to authorize the payment of up to 150 hours straight time and additional extra 3 weeks' vacation in lieu of overtime pay and no other comp time. It was always noted that the Board will meet with the Administrative Assistant on June 24 to discuss contractual issues.

Tim Newman appeared before the Board to give an update on the WireWest Project. He advised that 26 to 27 towns have signed on. The first meeting for the co-op will be July 16 in Cummington. Mr. Newman mentioned that the Board needs to appoint a Lighting Plant Board, and appoint a manager, delegate and alternate delegate. Mr. Newman offers his name for consideration to be appointed as the manager. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to appoint the Board of Selectmen as the Municipal Lighting Plant Board. A motion was made, seconded and so voted that the Municipal Lighting Plant Board join the co-op. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to appoint Tim Newman as the manager of the Municipal Lighting Plant. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to appoint Tim Newman as delegate and Debra Herman as the alternate delegate for the WiredWest Co-op.

Peter Scala, Fire Chief appeared before the Board regarding stipends. Mr. Scala gave an overview of how the stipends work, 50% going to calls, 50% attending meetings and trainings with discretion by the chief. He advised the Board that this year the base of the stipend is \$1300.00 and that next year would be about \$1500.00

Selectmen Yohalem mentions that there is still an opening on the Finance Committee and that if anyone is interested in being appointed until the next election they should send in a letter of interest to the Board.

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Skorput
Administrative Assistant