

Minutes of January 23, 2012

The Meeting was opened at 5:30 PM; all members were present.

The meeting minutes of January 9th were accepted as amended.

The Board reviewed and discussed a letter from Berkshire Regional Planning Commission inquiring about a municipal representative needed for the Berkshire Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). The Board would like James Mullen to be contacted for his recommendation.

The Board reviewed and discussed a request to appoint Joan Hotaling to the Council on Aging. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to appoint Joan Hotaling as a member to the Council on Aging for the term ending June 30, 2012.

The Board reviewed and discussed Health Insurance coverage carried through Berkshire Health Group. The Town now has an HMO policy with Health New England. The Regional Group will be discontinuing the present plan due to the high costs. It was noted that at the present time the new plan appears to have a cheaper premium, but higher deductibles, co-pays, and prescription costs for Town employees. The Administrative Assistant advised that more accurate figures should be released late this week or sometime next week and he will review and bring them to the Board as soon as they become available.

Mr. Yohalem advises that the Board received a letter from the New Marlborough Village Association announcing that the Town has received a grant in the amount of \$250.00 for 10 tickets per performance for Town employees.

The Board reviewed and discussed the FY13 budget submitted by the Library Trustees for the Library Director and maintenance which has a substantial increase of \$6,500.00 for salaries. The Board will wait for further clarification before further discussion of the matter.

Mr. Yohalem suggested that the Town do merit raises instead of raises across the board. The Administrative Assistant advises that he presently has forms and is intending to begin the process. The Board advises that it would like to review the forms before he proceeds.

The Board reviewed and discussed the information that was asked of the school, what it received back and what else is needed to be asked regarding the closure of the community schools.

Selectman Davis advised the Board that he has spoken with Maurice Brazie regarding the lease and terms of a renewal of the Transfer Station Agreement. Mr. Brazie was asked for a long term agreement for the property and he will draft a proposal for the Board to review.

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 6:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Skorput
Administrative Assistant