

Minutes of February 6, 2012

The Meeting was opened at 6:30 PM; all members were present.

The meeting minutes of January 30th were accepted as amended.

The Board received a letter from Mr. Robert Litchfield stating that he will retire from New Marlborough Rescue and New Marlborough Fire Department. The Board would like a letter sent to Mr. Litchfield thanking him for his thirty years of service with a copy to the Fire Chief.

The Board received a letter from the New Marlborough Fire Department from its annual business meeting held in December, 2011. The letter states that the president is Mr. David Smith, vice president is Mr. Edward Harvey and that the officers recommend Mr. Peter Scala as Fire Chief.

The Board announced that it has received the written response from the Building Inspector early this evening, but have not review it yet, so the Board will not be responding to any questions requiring the change of use for the New Marlborough School building.

The Chair advises that at last Thursdays School Committee meeting the towns were presented with a FY13 preliminary budget.

Sarah Steiner, contractor, appeared before the Board to review an application for a Curb Cut Permit on Knight Road for property owners Joel & Barbara Rosen. Ms. Steiner advises that the plan before the Board is the second application for a curb cut permit. The first one was done by a fellow associate who had since become sick and passed away and there was a 911 number given prior to applying for the building permit. Peter Marks, Highway Superintendent, advises that he would be willingly to sign off on the permit if three of the trees are moved back, a large rock is removed and the driveway apron is paved. Ms. Steiner agrees to Mr. Mark's request and will complete those items by April 15th. The Board will place this matter back on the agenda for late March or early April to review the matter.

Susan Smith appeared before the Board and inquired as to the response from the Building Inspector's inspection of the New Marlborough School. The Board advised that it has received a written response but has not had a chance to review the correspondence. It suggested that she call the office in a few weeks to see if the matter is to be brought back up on the agenda.

Ms. Smith also requests that the Board send a letter to the School Committee asking the committee for more time before making any decision on the closing of schools, since the committee did not seem to answer the questions asked on the matter very well at the public hearings. Ms. Kenzie Fields would like the Board to work with the School Committee. Mr. Tim Newman feels that the focus should be on the capital needs but does not think the Town of Sheffield will pay for other town's buildings.

The Board requests that a follow up call be made to Mr. Brad Wagstaff regarding back taxes and proposal.

The Board reviewed and discussed the following budgets for FY13

Conservation Commission Expense	\$2,000.00
Assessors General Expense	\$2,900.00
Assessor's Tax Map Update	\$2,900.00
Assessor's Revaluation	\$15,000.00
Treasurer Expense	\$3,108.00
Treasurer Software & Support	\$3,280.00
Tax Title Treasurer	\$3,000.00
Planning Board Clerical	\$1,300.00
Planning Board Expense	\$ 873.00
Board of Appeals	\$600.00
Cemetery Expenses (perpetual care)	\$2,700.00
Library Expense	\$35,472.00
Library Trustees	\$ 320.00
Cultural Council	\$1,000.00
Fire Protection	\$60,900.00
Firefighter's Stipend	\$43,500.00
Fire Department Dues	\$200.00
Fire Department Clerical	\$1,700.00
Building Inspector Expense	\$24,076.00
Animal Expense	\$16,060.00
Tree Warden Salary	\$1,000.00
911 Coordinator	\$500.00
Board of Health Salaries	\$1,250.00
Board of Health Expense	\$1,500.00
Board of Health Clerical	\$5,000.00
Community Health Program Expense	\$1,000.00
Visiting Nurse Association	\$2,451.00
Council on Aging	\$5,497.00
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Senior Tax Expense (new line item)	\$100.00
Interest Expense	\$5,000.00
Banking Services	\$200.00

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve, at this time, the FY13 budgets as thus far submitted except for Cemetery Salaries and Assessors Consultant.

Caren Adams, Tax Collector, was asked by the Board if she has received any payments from Brad Wagstaff. The Collector advises that she had received two \$500.00 dollars payments which were applied to the Fiscal year 2012 Real Estate Taxes and no further proposal for repayment has been brought forward from Mr. Wagstaff.

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