

Selectmen's meeting December 15, 2009

Those attending: Lynn Sweet, chairman, Stephanie Gray, and R. Stephen Leighton

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 P.M.

Paul Stover, Fire Chief, presented the department budget for 2010. There was discussion regarding the purchase of a new forestry truck. Engine II needs to have the pump rebuilt. The department is questioning whether or not the department should continue putting money into a 18 year old piece of equipment. The Chief suggests purchasing a fire truck with a 2007 engine with a lease purchase agreement. The department would use the money tagged for buildings to be put towards the truck purchase. The Rescue would be retired.

Greg Messenger, road agent, presented his 2010 budget. A list of possible roads for Capital Improvements was discussed.

Approval was given to purchase reflective jackets from his budget.

Chief Young and the Board discussed the department's 2010 budget. Cuts were made in some areas but increases were made in other areas such as gas. Two new cruisers will be requested. One will be funded by taxation the other will be funded by capital reserve fund.

Mike Richard presented the earned time plan for full time employees. The Board, after reviewing what other towns do, voted against the earned time plan as they feel it is important to use the vacation time.

The Board decided that full time employees would be able to accumulate sick time up to 30 days.

The Board feels the Police department budget needs to be flat even though there was an increase in health insurance costs and will ask Chief Young to reduce proposed expenditures without compromising public safety.

The Board reviewed all the bills/checks for payment.

The minutes from the December 1, 2009 meeting were accepted.

Warrant articles proposed by the fire department were discussed.

The Board is inclined to support a new forestry truck if the price is right and it's the appropriate vehicle. The Board would like more information about replacing the pump vs. a new engine. The Board would like someone from the department to provide specs and pricing at the next meeting on December 29, 2009.

The Board approved the purchase of new file cabinets for Building Inspection and Appraisal Departments as long as the budgets allow.

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After review and discussion, the Board approved renewal of Appraiser Todd Hayward's contract for a period of 3 years.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:42P.M.