

SELECTPERSONS MINUTES

August 28, 2009

Present: Stan Judge, Lucy Evans, Heidi Behling, Gorham Police Chief P. J. Cyr, Jo Carpenter

Chairperson Stan Judge opened the meeting at 10:07 AM

New Business

1. Meeting with Gorham Police Chief P. J. Cyr

Chief Cyr told the Board that Gorham has been helping out while Constable Jerry Baker has not been working due to ill health. Chief Cyr said he has told his officers to cover immediate response calls such as accidents with personal injuries, Road Closures or assault/ domestic violence situations if the State Police are not available. Chief Cyr said that his department has been covering more and more with the State Police & Constable Baker's health problems.

The Board members expressed their appreciation for Gorham Police Department's help.

Chief Cyr said that he has analyzed Shelburne's dispatch calls over the last several years and also looked at Milan's agreement with the Berlin Police Department in preparation for today's meeting. Chief Cyr said that he has not developed a proposal for coverage in Shelburne but he has gathered information he can share with the Board.

Chief Cyr said that coverage on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday will not be a problem because there are two officers on each shift. He said the cost of an officer is \$20.38/hr plus \$4.49 in benefits for a total of \$24.87/hr. He said this does not take into account cruiser costs or perhaps mileage - .55/mile. However Sunday, Monday & Tuesday there is only one officer on duty from 2 AM until 10 AM so if a call to Shelburne came in, an officer would have to be called in for a minimum of 3 hours. Shelburne would be liable to cover this cost. A 1 hour call would cost $\$24.87 + (37.53 - \text{overtime rate} \times 3 = 24.87 + 11.59 = \36.46

The cost for patrols will depend on who does the patrol but roughly it could be \$28.03 + Mileage @ .55/mile.

Heidi Behling asked how patrols would work. Chief Cyr said there are two possibilities. The Shelburne patrol could be incorporated into the Gorham patrol or an officer could be dedicated to do the Shelburne patrol.

Stan said that the Board would like to look at various options on this.

Chief Cyr asked if the Board would like them to attend fires. He said that they do this in Gorham.

Jo questioned how liability would work. This is something that will have to be investigated if the Board moves forward on this.

Chief Cyr questioned how the Board would like domestic violence calls handled. Should his officers handle the whole incident, including prosecution or should they stabilize the situation and turn over to the State Police.

The Board agreed that it would probably be less expensive for Shelburne if it was turned over to the State Police.

Chief Cyr expressed concern about a possible power struggle between his department and Constable Baker. The Board said that it is their intention to put an article in the 2010 town meeting warrant to abolish the position of elected constable but if Jerry runs he would serve until the next town meeting.

The Board said that they will be sending Constable Baker a letter about this in the near future.

Chief Cyr said that he will put together a proposal with some options for the Board to consider. The Board said that they also have information from the State Police. They hope to put something in the 2010 budget.

Minutes

There were no minutes ready for approval.

Sign

1. Vouchers #22 & #23 were signed.
2. The following PO's were signed:
 - AVRDD - \$208.83 - charges for participating in the Household Hazardous Waste Day
 - T&B Sheet Metal - \$455.00 - repairs to old garbage truck
 - Hubbard Consulting - \$1,500.00 - Final payment on Hazard Mitigation Plan update
 - LGC Property Liability Insurance Trust - \$389.41 - premium for new plow truck
 - PSNH - \$315.60 - August Electric bills
 - FairPoint Communications - \$292.15 - August phone bills
 - Avitar - \$548.93 - Land Use Change tax & field work
3. DRA Forms - MS-1 & MS-4 were signed.

Correspondence

1. Elm Research Institute - Liberty Elm Tree Memorials
2. NH Community Development Finance Authority - CDBG Planning Grant Funds - Application Deadline - October 30, 2009 at 4:30 PM
3. Executive Councilor Raymond Burton - Report #9
4. Health Alert - Eastern Equine Encephalitis - identified in alpaca & in mosquito pool - information
5. PSNH - trimming in power line right of ways will occur in September
6. Heidi Lawton - Bureau of Emergency Management - Training for Local Officials on Preparedness for Emergencies at Local Government Center - 9/25 & 9/26
7. Various newsletters

Old Business

1. Noise Issue

Jo told the Board that she had not heard from Dick Lent from Scott Lawson Group. The Board suggested that Jo e-mail him to get follow up on readings inside a building and also express the Board's disappointment in the information presented at the meeting.

2. Road Grant Issue

Jo shared the information on road mileage information and noted that Ken had reviewed this. We should be receiving more information as Roadway Management gets ready to submit the grant.

New Business (con't)

2. Disposal of Old Gas Stove

Heidi reported that Peter plans to talk to Ken about the stove on Saturday and then Ken can move forward from there.

3. Senator Jeanne Shaheen's Staff Office Hours

The office hours scheduled for September 14th have been cancelled. Office hours at the Town Office will be rescheduled at a later date.

4. Energy Audit

Ray has found some companies available to do an audit of our buildings. He is working on prices and times and will keep the Board informed.

5. Updated Revenues

The Board reviewed Jo's updated estimate (MS-4). It was noted that the revenues are ahead of the estimates at budget time mostly because of timber tax revenues.

6. Set Meeting Dates

The next meeting was scheduled for September 15th at 4:00 PM.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 PM.