

SELECTPERSONS MEETING

January 15, 2009

Present: Stan Judge, Lucy Evans, Heidi Behling, Peter Nickerson, Sue Waddington, Jo Carpenter

Chairman Stan Judge opened the meeting at 4:15 PM.

Minutes

This item was tabled.

Sign

1. Voucher #1 was signed.
2. A Pistol Permit was signed.

Correspondence

1. NHDOT - Information on fixed price unleaded fuel contract
2. SAU #20 - Superintendent Paul Bousquet - check for \$152.67 to be used for a needy family that meets the guidelines
3. Applicant Briefing Meetings Schedule - Jan. 13 - 16th -Major Disaster Declaration - December Ice Storm
4. Various workshops and conferences
5. Various newsletters

Old Business

1. Noise Issue

No date has been set for the hearing yet.

A copy of letter from Attorney Jon Frizzell to Attorney Claudine Safar asking for information from the Drouin's sound tester (a discovery request) was reviewed.

New Business

1. Tabletop Exercise

Jo said that she has heard from Heidi Lawton and the cross border tabletop on a dam breach is still a go. The possible dates are March 7th or March 21st. The Board expressed interest in having Shelburne participate. Jo will continue to communicate with Heidi about this exercise.

2. Town Report Printer

Jo informed the Board that she has received 3 quotes on printing the town report. They are as follows:

- Seventh Street Graphics - \$663.75
- Smith & Town - \$850.00

- Minuteman Press - \$948.23 (color cover)or \$871.00 -(black & white cover)

Jo said that based on the prices received and the need to be very prudent in the coming year that she recommends Seventh Street Graphics. Stan and Lucy both stated that they have been happy with Seventh Street's work.

By consensus Seventh Street Graphics was approved as the printer for the town report.

3. Landfill Letter

The letter written by Ray Danforth to Doug Kemp of the Solid Waste Bureau requesting a reduction in the number of reports for the closed landfill was reviewed and signed.

The Board expressed appreciation for Ray's help in this matter.

Old Business (continued)

2. 2009 Budget

2nd Budget Meeting with Assistant Chief Peter Nickerson on the Fire Department Budget

Peter told the Board that he met with the firefighters to get the answers to the questions raised last week.

Ceiling Fan

Peter said that Bill Davenport expressed the feeling that installing the fans would be a waste of money because the ceilings are not high enough. He feels that the ceiling should be fixed instead.

Art Marchand felt it would be very expensive to put the fans in.

Scot Air Packs

Peter reported that there are 4 complete Scott Air Packs including masks. He said that the Department has 7 steel air tanks and 4 fiberglass ones. He said that the fiberglass tanks are 30 lbs. lighter than the steel tanks. Peter said that the Department would like to begin replacing the steel tanks with fiberglass tanks -one or two a year.

Peter said that the tanks have expiration dates. He said that they are checked every five years and all are good. Peter told the Board that a firefighter may use the Scott Air Pack for two tanks' worth of time and then they are done for 8 hours.

Peter said that four maybe five people are certified the use the Scott Air Packs. He said that the masks are usually tested and that Gorham fills and tests the air tanks.

North Pac

Peter reported that Chief Hayes feels that North Pac is not doing anything and does not want to join.

Stan commented that the Board feels that the Shelburne Fire Department should belong to North Pac

Training Costs

Peter said that the Department really enjoyed the training they went to in Bethel last year. They felt it was really worthwhile and would like to do that again this year.

New Truck

Peter said that the Board really needs to talk to Chief Hayes about a new truck. He stated that when trucks are over 20 years old they should be out of service.

Stan said that the Department needs to sit down and talk about their equipment needs in an effort to try to get a handle on what vehicles they really need and then plan how they can afford to make the purchase.

Stan said that the condition of the vehicles should be pretty good because one is quite newly purchased and the other one was worked on last year and then again this year - so a lot of money has gone into that truck (American LaFrance)

Equipment Purchases

Peter said that Andy can get good deals on equipment over the internet but we need to figure out how the town would pay for it.

The Board thanked Peter for getting the answers to their questions.

Meet with Town Clerk Sue Waddington

Sue reported to the Board that she worked 489 hours last year. The Board told Sue that they have no problem with her being paid hourly. They suggested a rate of \$11.75/hr and it was agreed that the budget would be based on 12 hours per week. This will give a very clear picture of the hours worked and can be adjusted accordingly next year. The number of hours is based on information from Dummer and the information that Sue has given the Board. Sue agreed to this plan.

Other Budget Discussions

After lengthy discussions the following adjustments to the budget were made:

- Fire Department budget - cut \$2,000 from payroll line and \$200 from air tanks line
- Executive - cut \$4000 from town report line
- Election, Registration and Vital Statistics - added \$1,000 to payroll line
- Debt Service - the loan payment was increased to \$10,000- to reflect borrowing \$60,000 over 3 years
- Capital Reserve Funds & Expendable Trusts - Fire Truck CR cut \$2,000, Fire Equipment CR cut \$1,675, Heavy Highway CR cut \$10,000, Paving CR cut \$2,000

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM