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Minutes
Board of Selectmen
Monday, January 18, 2010

Selectmen Linda Saari, Clarence Farwell, Kevin Gorgoglione, Tad Putney and Jack Flanagan were present.

Minutes

Jack moved, seconded by Kevin to approve the minutes of January 11th. Voted yes 5-0.

Melendy Pond Leases

Carol Farwell and Pam Austin were present to ask the selectmen to place an article in the warrant to extend the Melendy Pond leases to 99 years. **Carol** said her lease said the cottage can be used 51 weeks per year. She said lease holders cannot register cars, put children into the school system or apply for welfare. According to the lease, they need to have a legal address elsewhere. **Rena** said people have received welfare. **Marcia Farwell** said the school board checks that no one from Melendy Pond is attending school. **Jack** said he feels going from a 30 year lease to 99 years is too much and would like the opinion of the Melendy Pond Authority. He suggested a 30 year renewable lease. He said this recommendation should come from the Melendy Pond Authority. **Carol** said they are not looking for town services. **Linda** said the warrant article is not in the right format. **Ernie** said the Melendy Pond Study Committee is a different group from the Authority and the Committee did not study changing leases to 99 years. He feels it's not appropriate for the selectmen to put in on the warrant. **Linda** said she doesn't agree with a 99 year lease. **Marcia Farwell** said if the leases aren't extended the cottages will get run down. If someone had a lease expiring in 5 years and the roof leaked, they probably would put a blue tarp on it and not fix it. **Clarence** said he suggested they see an attorney for the wording of the warrant article. **Linda** suggested they submit a petitioned warrant article to be sure it gets on the warrant. (The deadline for petitioned warrant articles is February 2nd.)

Public Hearing

Linda read the public hearing notice to accept unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$80,427 received in 2009 for police details and \$36,488.19 for highways for the December 2008 Ice Storm. *Jack moved, seconded by Tad to accept the revenues to offset expenditures. Voted yes 5-0.*

Recreation Commission

Rich Vertullo and Kim McClure were present with a warrant article for a part time paid chair position to assist the Commission. They suggested \$2,880 which is \$240 per month based on \$12 per hour. **Rena** said she sent them a copy of the warrant article passed at the 1970 town meeting stating Recreation Commission members are elected for no pay. **Tad** reiterated that the members cannot be paid. They could hire a Recreation Director but it can't be a member of the Recreation Commission.

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Kevin suggested it be rounded off to \$3,000. **Linda** said it should be a warrant article as it's a new position. **Rena** noted it wouldn't be \$3,000 for this year as it wouldn't start until after town meeting.

Energy Grant

Eric Doberstein of Ligh Tec Inc was present along with Chris Heiter and Roger Saunders of the Hollis Energy Committee. **Eric** presented a short slide show on how the energy grants work to upgrade lighting in municipal and school buildings. He said there are no out of pocket dollars. He said PSNH pays 25-50% directly to the project. The application for the grant is due February 15th. **Forrest Milkowski** said it's his understanding we have to sign a 7 year contract with PSNH. **Linda** said we need a warrant article for a town meeting vote. **Chris** said the two towns working together on the project benefits both of us. **Janice Tremblay** said Nashua worked with Ligh Tec and the payback was within 18 months. It was noted that Ann Somers and Loring Webster may be interested in this project.

Reverse 911

Representative Melanie Levesque said HB 213, the Emergency Notification System passed the House 318-3. It now goes to the Senate and is expected to pass. She said it probably wouldn't go into effect until 2011, but cautioned the selectmen on signing a long term lease.

2010 Proposed Budgets

Finance Committee members **Ernie Pistor and Janice Tremblay** were present to review the proposed budget and warrant articles. **Linda** suggested voting on the warrant articles tonight as Clarence won't be here next week for the budget hearings. **Tad** agreed the whole Board should vote on the warrant articles.

2. Operating Budget of **\$3,817,163** – BOS, Yes 5-0; FC 2-0;
3. Raise and appropriate \$447,000 for sidewalks, \$356,000 coming from federal grants, **\$64,400** from general taxation and **\$25,000** from the highway budget – BOS, Yes 5-0; FC Yes 2-0;
4. Raise and appropriate **\$87,888** for first of two year's payment for a fire department Utility-Rescue Truck – BOS, Yes, 4-1; FC No 2-0;
5. Raise and appropriate **\$100,000** for Fire Dept. Capital Reserve Fund - BOS, No 5-0; FC Yes 2-0;
6. Raise and appropriate **\$31,000** for first of two year's payment on a two year Master Plan – BOS, No 3-2; FC Yes 2-0;
7. Raise and appropriate **\$60,000** for road/bridge improvements – BOS, No 3-2; FC, Yes 2-0;
8. Raise and appropriate **\$40,450** for Milfoil treatment of Lake Potanipo to be offset by conservation funds – BOS Yes, 4-1; FC Yes 1-1;
9. Raise and appropriate **\$33,010** for a new police cruiser – BOS, Yes 3-2; FC, Yes, 2-0;
10. Raise and appropriate **\$17,946** for sidewalk grant under Safe Routes to School program to be offset 100% by federal highway funds – BOS, Yes 5-0; FC, Yes 2-0;
11. Raise and appropriate **\$19,000** to purchase & install camera-based surveillance system in the PD and TH and exterior parking areas – BOS, Yes 3-2; FC, Yes 2-0;
12. Raise and appropriate **\$10,000** for a Used Replacement Town Vehicle for the Brookline Ambulance Service and Emergency Management – BOS, Yes 5-0; FC, Yes 2-0;
13. Raise and appropriate **\$1,450** from unreserved fund balance for Ambulance Service Expendable Trust Fund – BOS, Yes 5-0; FC, Yes 2-0;

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14. Reaffirm 2007 Town Meeting vote to pursue the intent to purchase lot H-42 – BOS, Yes 5-0; FC 1-1;
15. Raise and appropriate **\$100,000** for a Capital Reserve Fund for the future purchase of lot H-42 – BOS, No 3-2; FC, No 2-0.

Gen. Business

Approved warrants for payment.
Meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.
Minutes submitted by Rena Duncklee.

Linda A Saari

Clarence L. Farwell

Kevin J. Gorgoglione

Tad Putney

Jack B. Flanagan