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BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND DEPARTMENT HEADS
Wednesday, October 7, 2015, 10 o'clock a.m.
Town Hall Hearings Room

Meeting called to order 10:01 by Chairman Cronin.

Present were: Chairman Cronin, Selectman Goulart, Selectman Menges, Chief MacDonald, Heidi Swist, Jennifer Luiz, Mary Hathaway, Tom Ferry, Stacey Ferry, Bella (for Alice Souza), Jocelyn Tavares, Chief Roderick and administrative assistant Karin Brady.

Chief MacDonald asked about the keys to the building and who to let it in and who not to let in. Selectman Menges said that the police department should keep a log of who comes and goes and make them sign in and out. He added that they should be approved by selectmen first as well. Tom Ferry made referenced to the door locks and the need for the manual locks in case the power goes out, and Jocelyn added that she is concerned with conducting public activities in a private office space downstairs. Chairman Cronin said it will all be addressed with the reports of the activity for the card entry system.

Heidi Swist said she sent a packet out in September to implement the Master Plan and she wanted to say that it is very important. She also asked about the police station and where it stands. She added that the committee had cancelled twice with planning board and also with the ZBA. She went on to say that they only need to do a minor change to the plan and they will be all set with planning. She finished by saying that she had hoped that they would be breaking ground soon.

Jen Luiz stated that she was playing catchup and that she was looking for a financial forecast from many, many departments. Budgets, capital spending and forecasts.

Mary Hathaway asked about the capital stabilization fund and if she can put that in a certificate of deposit. Selectman Menges said that if we ever have to put the touch on the account, you will at least have a heads up, at the start of the process.

Tom Ferry said he is still very busy and has a lot of signs to change on east side of town. He had a request for a blind driveway on Center Street. He added that he had Cedar Street to finish paving and was meeting with the asphalt company the next day. Possibly one more project may be able to be done before winter. Getting ready for winter.

Selectman Menges asked Tom where we stand on the salt shed roof replacement. Jenn stated that it should be put back in the Central Register.

Nancy asked Tom if there has been any word from the state on the park. Tom said, yes, but they have had a couple of issues. Tom added that there will be boundary markers placed on the bridge by a surveyor. If there is an accident on the bridge, we will know how to respond. He also added, be aware that they will be at an angle.

Stacy Ferry said that Sue wanted her to let the board know that there has been an increase in registered dogs this year. She also added that there are more people in town that need kennel licenses. She stated that we need to think about changing our stable licenses to barn licenses, because she needs to know where animals are located in the event of an emergency evacuation. Selectman Menges asked if chickens will need to be evacuated also. Selectman Menges said we will discuss that. We will put in on the BOH agenda. Stacy said in Rehoboth they have barn licenses.

Bella (in for Alice) wanted to remind everyone that we are having a flu clinic on November 9. She added that the drug drop off box is going well and wanted to know about the roof at Prime Time. Selectman Goulart asked what would happen if someone doesn't have insurance or Medicare. Bella did not know but will find out.

Jocelyn Tavares said she was ready to submit financials and that they are in compliance. As far as the library chimney, there were a lot of variables in the quotes. Jim will follow up next week. She added that she has been working on the documents to bid the planning and design grant for updating the library, and this is in preparation for the feasibility study. She also mentioned an event with Ted Reinstein on October 22, at the middle school at 7:00 pm. She stated that she has sent a report to the Capital Outlay Committee. Selectman Goulart asked about a committee that was formed a couple of years ago and does that need to be updated. Jocelyn said that is a five year document and no revision is needed at this time. Jocelyn finished by mentioning all of the passes that are available at the library.

Chief Roderick thanked everyone for attending the 911 memorial dedication and stated there was a good turnout.

Regarding the Station One punch list. Selectman Menges said the punch list items did not seem to be the problems that you and I discussed. If it comes out of that meeting that he doesn't plan to fix the items that you and I discussed, we will need to hire someone.

Jen said that the first thing that needs to happen is, we need to extend the timing of Mr. Patch's (Plan B Construction) contract.

Selectman Menges added that if he does not complete the job we will need to hire someone. The chief said that if we could just get the concrete work done before the winter that would be good. He finished by saying the schools' education fire safety program will be done in the next couple of weeks.

Selectman Goulart asked if the salt shed is the only roof left and how long it will take to get the word out. Chief Roderick responded that the Central Register is one week notice to post, and Selectman Menges mentioned Alice's roof at Prime Time still needs to be repaired.

Chief Roderick mentioned the rebuilding of the pumps and the fact that he put this out for bid twice. He stated that he is at an impasse and needs assistance from the board. Jen stated if you call for a quote and no one responds, you just need to record who you called and that there was no response.

Chief said he needed to proceed with this and Jen replied as long as you show an attempt to get the quotes, you can submit the one that you got.

Heidi asked if the board has had a chance to review the bid for the solar project that was submitted.

Selectman Menges asked Heidi to notify the Board of Selectmen before signing and issuing the contract for the solar project at the former landfill. Heidi said I did the footwork and now it is up to the board to sign.

Nancy asked what a solar broker is and who pays them, to which Heidi replied no one. They get paid by the people. Heidi mentioned all the solar projects currently in progress.

Selectman Goulart asked about the National Grid project and if anyone else is looking for a pilot agreement.

There was a discussion about the current solar projects going on in the town.

Selectman Goulart asked Heidi what the limit was for solar projects.

Heidi answered that we don't actually have a limit, and Selectman Menges said, however, there is a limit as to how many can actually get on the grid.

Selectman Goulart said at the MMA meeting last Friday, they were looking to raise the cap another two percent. Selectman Menges added that electricity generating equipment is the highest commercial property taxed.

Selectman Menges finished by saying that it has been the custom of the past couple of years to have the budgets, the annual reports and special articles due on January 1st. He added that the town meeting communications committee's mandate had been increased to town public affairs communications committee. This committee would like to be involved in getting the word out for anything that is town related.

Selectman Goulart motioned to adjourn.

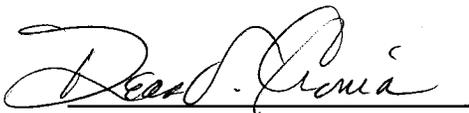
Selectman Menges seconded

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:21 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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