

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Town Hall Conference Room
Minutes of January 5, 2012

Chairman Laura Powers called the meeting to order at 3:35PM. Board members present, in addition to Chairman Powers, were Martha Morrison, Dick Gandt and Ken Vogel. Eldon Goodhue was absent. Of the Selectmen's staff, Town Administrator Virginia Wilder and Board Secretary Donna Rich were in attendance. Other persons present during all or part of the meeting were Fire Chief Ron Giovannacci, Eastern Bank Vice President Lori Lombard, Treasurer/Collector Barbara Michalowski, Town Accountant Pam Wood, and Procurement Officer Roberta Knight.

Chairman Powers announced the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Fire Department budget and to review a possible refunding of Town Bonds.

The Fire Chief was present to submit a revised budget. There was a discussion regarding the original training line item of \$12,000 with regard to paramedic training status for a new recruit to replace the retiring Darrell Moore. The Chief explained that paramedic training had always been funded by the Fire Department budget. In addition, the budget reflects an increase in previous year's unfunded shifts at the station to bring the station to full coverage for all shifts. The Board expressed their desire not to fund the training of a paramedic and that an individual obtain the training required for a job at their own expense. The Chief was in disagreement with this position.

Town's Callable Bonds: Eastern Bank Vice President Lori Lombard presented a proposal to refund \$9,374,000 Town Bonds dated 3/15/2002, which are callable on 3/15/2012 for maturities 2013-2022. These Bonds include the following:

- o \$5,325,000 School Construction bonds
- o \$275,000 School Engineering bonds
- o \$68,000 School Remodeling (Boiler) bonds
- o \$72,000 Town Hall Remodeling bonds

There was discussion regarding the pros and cons of calling the bonds at this time. There appears to be more positive impacts than if the Town were not to take advantage of refunding at this time.

Selectman Morrison made a motion that, in order to reduce interest costs, the Treasurer is authorized to provide for the sale and issuance of bonds under G.L. c.44, Sec. 21A to refund all or any portion of the remaining principal of and redemption premium and interest on any of the Town's outstanding general obligation bonds, seconded by Selectman Vogel; so voted: 4-0.

Budgets:

Board of Health: There was a discussion on figures presented as the revised budget for funding the coverage at the Fair and for dead animal pickup. In addition it was noted that the narrative presented did not clearly reflect the numbers.

Selectman Vogel made a motion to approve the draft FY13 Board of Health budget, as presented, seconded by Selectman Morrison; so voted: 4-0.

Minutes – 01/05/12

Page 2

Fire Department: Selectman Vogel made a motion to approve the Fire Department revised FY13 budget, less \$6,000 for tuition training, seconded by Selectman Morrison; so voted: 4-0.

Discussion: it was noted that the voted budget reflects partial reinstatement of station coverage to provide 7 day-12 hour staffing with 2 personnel per shift.

At 5:50PM, Selectmen Morrison made a motion to adjourn and Selectman Vogel seconded the motion; so voted: 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Rich, Secretary
Selectmen's Office

Per the Open Meeting Law, the documents that were either distributed to the BOS before the meeting in a packet, or at the meeting were:

1. Agenda
2. Revised Fire Department FY13 Budget
3. Revised Board of Health FY13 Budget
4. Proposed Refunding Bonds document

Approved as amended at the February 13, 2012 Board of Selectmen's meeting.

| |
|---|
| Pursuant to the 'Open Meeting Law,' G.L. 39, § 23B, the approval of these minutes by the Board constitutes a certification of the date, time and place of the meeting, the members present and absent, and the actions taken at the meeting. Any other description of statements made by any person, or the summary of the discussion of any matter, is included for the purpose of context only, and no certification, express or implied, is made by the Board as to the completeness or accuracy of such statements. |
|---|