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Webster Board of Selectmen's Meeting – January 26, 2009

7:00 P.M. Roll Call – Present: Chairman George Hashem, Selectman Thomas Mullins and Selectman David Klumb.

The Board signed the payroll check and vendor manifests as well as the following for Administrative Assistant Judith Jones:

- Selectmen Klumb made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Minutes of January 12, 2009 as written; seconded by Chairman Hashem and unanimously approved;
- A leave slip;
- Purchase Order #2 for the Police Department in the amount of \$284.98 to Lakes Regional Computer (Anti-Virus Software); and
- Selectmen Klumb made the motion to accept and sign Cross Country Appraisal Group, LLC contracts for Webster's assessing needs from 2009 to 2013; seconded by Selectman Mullins and unanimously approved.

The Fire Department had 170 calls for the year according to Fire Chief Adam Pouliot. He advised that the skating rink is now built and being utilized. He also advised that the Lakes Region Kennel Club donated two pet resuscitators to the Department that are valued at approximately \$100 each.

Lieutenant Philip Mitchell handed in the Police Department semi-monthly report.

Chairman Hashem discussed banking, the sweep account and how it works, and how the collateralization of funds works. Selectmen Klumb advised that Pillsbury Lake District uses the MBIA account like the sweep account, where it is easily accessible and all funds are secured. The District puts all excess cash into this account and when needed, requests that it be deposited in the District's bank account, which typically is received by the bank the next day. The Board inquired as to whether the Treasurer would be in favor of looking into other options for investing the General Fund Account, which she would. Chairman Hashem will inquire about what TD Banknorth and Merrimack County Savings Bank would require for a balance to avoid bank fees.

Mrs. Jones will attend the monthly LGC meeting at the Red River Theatre in Concord on Friday, January 30, 2009, for the purpose of discussing state revenue sources. Selectman Klumb made a motion to authorize Mrs. Jones to vote on behalf of Webster at this meeting; seconded by Selectman Mullins and unanimously approved.

Mrs. Jones will speak with Provan & Lorber regarding issuance of a building permit to find out why the Fire Chief was called instead of them regarding the oil burner inspection. She will also ask what documentation Provan & Lorber provides regarding the setback requirements.

Food Pantry Coordinator Peg Foss presented a re-design proposed for the food pantry at the Church Parish House at a cost of \$8,044 in hopes that the Town could help with this project. She has already raised \$1,000 in donation, plus many other donations are expected of time and materials. The Board requested that she come back to the Board with a total of funds that may be needed once all the information is pulled together to see what the Town could do to help in this endeavor.

Sue Roman and Robert Drown, Jr. requested that the Board put an article on the 2009 Warrant to establish an "Agricultural Commission" per RSA 674:44-e that would consist of three committee members and four alternates. The Board had concerns over filling a new committee as it is not always easy to fill the existing committees. Ms. Roman advised that there are no funds being requested at this time and that members could consist of one Planning Board Member and one Selectman. Ms. Roman and Mr. Drown both volunteered to serve at least one year on the committee. After much discussion, Selectman Klumb made a motion to put the requested article on the 2009 Warrant; seconded by Selectman Mullins and unanimously approved.

The Board discussed the Zoning Ordinance regarding when a permit is deemed to have expired. The general consensus was that any applied for permit or existing permit is deemed to have expired if the approved use is not in place within a year or if an existing approved permit ceases to be utilized for one year. Therefore, the Board would like to contact Louis Gangi in regards to his approval to open a small restaurant on Battle Street as he has not yet commenced operation and it has been well over a year. He has not contacted the Fire Chief with regards to any plans for the restaurant pertaining to Life Safety Codes and he may have to meet with Provan and Lorber for some of inspections. A letter will be drafted to Mr. Gangi for the Board's signature.

8:19 P.M. Selectman Klumb made a motion to go into a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3(e) to discuss legal issues; seconded by Selectman Mullins. Roll call: Chairman Hashem – yes; Selectman Mullins – yes; and Selectman Klumb – yes. Mrs. Jones was requested to accompany the Board.

8:28 P.M. Chairman Hashem reconvened the meeting. He advised that the Board discussed legal issues and made no decisions.

The Board once again reviewed the 2009 Warrant and Budget looking for potential cuts. The Board agreed upon the following:

Executive Expenses	Decrease
Executive Supplies/Workshops	Decrease
Town Clerk Fees	Decrease
Town Clerk Supplies	Increase
Legal Expense – Current Litigation	Decrease
PB & ZBA Steno Fees & Hearing	Decrease
Town Hall Repairs & Maintenance	Decrease
Police Part-Time Officers Wages	Decrease
Fire Department Gasoline	Decrease
Fire Department Bunker Gear	Decrease
CASA – Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children	Decrease
Capital Reserve – Town Hall Improvements	Increase
Police Cruiser Capital Reserve	Removed
Police Cruiser	Removed
Police Vehicle Maintenance Expendable Trust (New)	Increase

Discussion ensued from some Departments that decreasing the budget may affect the Department's overall ability to operate at full efficiency.

The Public Hearing for the Budget will be hosted by the Grange and is scheduled for February 10, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

10:45 P.M. Selectman Mullins made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Selectman Klumb and approved.

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George K. Hashem  
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Thomas S. Mullins

David E. Klumb