

TOWN OF WEBSTER
Office of Selectmen
945 Battle Street/Rte. 127
Webster, NH 03303

7:02 P.M. Selectmen's Meeting – September 6, 2011 (Tuesday)

Present: Chairman George Cummings, Selectman George Hashem and Selectman Bruce Johnson.

The Board signed the payroll and check manifests.

The Board signed the following for Administrative Assistant Judith Jones:

- An appointment sheet for part-time Police Officer Richard LaValley.
- An appointment sheet to the Refuse Disposal Committee for Alternate David Klumb whose term expires 2013.
- Selectman Johnson made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 22, 2011 Selectmen's Meeting as written; seconded by Selectman Hashem and approved.
- Selectman Johnson made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 26, 2011 Selectmen's Emergency Meeting as written; seconded by Selectman Hashem and approved.
- Signed the deed from the Town to Richard and Carol Bogrett – Map 10-6-41.
- Signed the deed from the Town to Robert Wolinski – Map 10-1-109.
- An Intent to Cut for Donald Sprague – Map 3-58-1.
- Signed a sick leave slip for Wendy Pinkham.

The Board reviewed the paperwork from the Local Government Center regarding the Workmen's Comp Audit. The Town has a credit for the second year in a row and they again offered the Town the option of another credit or a refund. At the suggestion of Wendy Pinkham the Board decided on a refund, which she will now request.

The Board discussed the possible transfer of Map 10-4-143 to the Pillsbury Lake District. After discussion it was decided to wait until the next meeting to make a decision.

Police Chief Robert Dupuis advised of the following:

- On September 26th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm the NH Chief's Association will put on a program at the Center of NH in Manchester. This will be a trade show for viewing Fire, Police and EMS vehicles. As the Ford Crown Victoria Cruiser will no longer be built, he invited the Board to attend this exhibit to see the new models that will be offered to include Chevrolet, Ford, Dodge and other makes and models.
- He inquired as to whether the Town would be applying for FEMA aid due to the recent storm. Road Agent Emmett Bean advised that he was out being pro-active by clearing culverts, etc. to keep the roads in good shape, but didn't feel his expenses were excessive, noting that other communities needed the help more. Mr. Bean indicated that he had only those expenses for one day as shown on one invoice for \$2,800. Chief Dupuis advised that he had an officer on duty from 6:00 am Sunday until 3:00 am on Monday. He was uncertain about any expenses incurred by the Fire Department. After much discussion the decision was to have Mrs. Pinkham look into any FEMA reimbursement available.
- There were 47 calls for services over the last two weeks with the highlights mentioned. Chief Dupuis inquired as to whether the Board wanted to continue to get the paper copy of the report, saying that he could just give a verbal report, thereby saving paper. He noted that this report was public information. Alternatives were discussed with no decision made.

Fire Chief Colin Colby advised of the following:

- They went to the Boscawen Old Home Day parade with an engine on August 27th.
- They manned the station during the storm on August 28th from 9:00 am until 6:00 pm. The Capital Area Compact had requested that all the departments man their stations. Webster was toned out three times by fire alarm and three times from dispatch to advise that people were coming in. While at one of the calls pumping out a basement, one firefighter, who was allergic to bees, was stung by several and rushed back to the station for treatment. An insur-

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ance comp claim was filed on his behalf. As Deputy Fire Chief Adam Pouliot had said that the Department would no longer pump out basements, Selectman Johnson questioned why the Department had responded. Chief Colin agreed that normally they would not, but said that due to the circumstances they did. The Board thanked Chief Colby and his Department for all they do.

- There was no meeting last Thursday because of the Hopkinton State Fair.

Road Agent Emmett Bean advised that he felt that the roads did well during the storm noting he had kept in constant radio contact with the Fire Department relative to the downed trees, wires and roads. He did request a non-public session later this evening.

Tom Yestramski from Yestramski Electrical met with the Board to discuss the purpose, benefit and importance of having the Town Hall's aging generator have a load bank test as he had proposed in an earlier e-mail. The issue seemed to be when the air conditioner to the Library was on at the same time as the generator. Mr. Yestramski indicated that this should not cause an issue for this generator, but stressed the importance of a load bank test to see where there may be issues. He advised that it may be as simple as making adjustments, which would be done at the time of testing. Should there be anything more wrong that would be more costly than the \$400 for the load test he would come back to the Board. After discussion Selectman Johnson made a motion to spend up to \$400 for the load bank test; seconded by Selectman Hashem and approved. A purchase order will be prepared for the next meeting. Mr. Yestramski further explained how the load bank test was done and explained the advantages.

The Board discussed the needed ceiling repairs in the dining area. There are other repairs regarding sealing up the bathrooms upstairs that should be done before any other repairs would be made as that is the main cause of the leaks. No other action taken at this time.

Chairman Cummings and Selectman Johnson will work together to get the "Mock Memorial Plaque" placed back on the rock across the river.

Selectman Hashem made a motion to take the additional \$500 for the "Clerk of the Works" as voted at the Emergency Meeting of the Selectmen on August 26th from the Town Hall Capital Reserve Fund established in 1991; seconded by Selectman Johnson and approved.

The Board discussed the purchase or rental of a sound system for the Town Hall and possible sources of funding. This would be beneficial during Town Meeting and any other public meetings that might be held by the various boards. Selectman Johnson has researched potential costs and will check into what it cost to rent it on Old Home Day. Selectman Hashem recommended taking the funds from the Office Equipment Capital Reserve, but some had reservation as to whether this would be an appropriate expenditure. Mrs. Jones will call the Department of Revenue for guidance. Selectman Johnson suggested that we consult with someone knowledgeable about sound systems to make a recommendation as to what the Town needs should it be decided to purchase a system. Mr. Bean recommended getting speakers that could be hooked up downstairs should it be needed. Chairman Cummings suggested that it could be used when the Town is rented as long as there is an extra cost added to the rental contract and a security deposit charged.

After review of the "Letter of Commitment" from Town auditor Plodzick and Sanderson for the 2011 audit, Selectman Hashem made a motion to approve Plodzick and Sanderson to do the 2011 audit; seconded by Selectman Johnson and approved. Mrs. Pinkham will be asked to sign the letter of commitment.

Jere Buckley inquired about the emergency meeting held on August 26th. Chairman Cummings explained that it was to increase the funds for the "Clerk of the Works", to discuss the issue with the carpenter ants discovered and associated damage to the building and painting the steeple. He referred to the Concord Monitor article about expenses to be over budget. He noted that it said nothing about any potential savings, which was the purpose of having the steeple painted at a considerable cost savings

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over the last time it was done. He went on to explain about the extra work that had been done and the unexpected problems found.

Selectman Johnson advised that the next meeting for shared services is Thursday, September 8th at 6:30 pm at the Salisbury Safety Building. The towns of Allenstown and Suncook will have representatives to discuss how they have utilized shared services and someone from the Town of Warner to talk about electricity and energy. He invited all to attend.

8:17 P.M. Selectman Hashem made a motion to go into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (b) to discuss the hiring of any person as a public employee and then continue the non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a) to discuss personnel issues; seconded by Selectman Johnson. Roll call: Chairman Cummings – yes; Selectman Hashem – yes and Selectman Johnson – yes. Police Chief Robert Dupuis attended the first session and Road Agent Emmett Bean and Sue Roberts attended the second session.

8:47 P.M. Chairman Cummings reconvened the meeting. He advised that the Board discussed in general the hiring of part/time and/or full-time officers and personnel issues. The Board voted unanimously to seal both sets of minutes. Chairman Cummings will write the minutes.

8:48 P.M. Selectman Hashem made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Selectman Johnson and approved.

George C. Cummings, Chairman

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