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Webster Board of Selectmen's Meeting – December 15, 2008

5:38 P.M. Roll Call – Present: Chairman George Hashem, Selectman Thomas Mullins and Selectman David Klumb.

The Board signed Purchase Order #30 for the Police Department in the amount of \$519 to Dell for a Canon EOP Digital Camera. The funds are to come from the Drug Forfeiture Funds held by the Treasurer.

Police Chief Brian Milano met with the Board to again review his proposed 2009 budget. The Board noted that the budget will not be finalized tonight. Under Emergency Management the dues to Central NH SOU in the amount of \$2,500 was discussed. Chief Milano advised that this is for the training of the emergency response team that benefits Webster with search and rescue and SWAT Team training. He advised that this replaces the need for the State SWAT team and saves time and red tape. If Webster is not a member of the SOU the Town can still call upon their services, but their fees start at \$5,000 per incident. Discussion ensued on other possible cuts, benefits and expenditures. The decision was to cut the SOU dues with all other changes being deferred until later.

Under Solid Waste Disposal the Board decided to encumber \$20,880 from 2008 for the loader payment of \$5,280 and the trailer payment of \$15,600 and made no other changes to this budget line. The Board also want to encumber the \$12,000 for the Fire Department's cascade system.

A short recess was taken.

6:42 P.M. Chairman Hashem reconvened the meeting. Selectman Mullins made a motion to encumber the following 2008 funds for 2009: Cascade System – \$12,000; Cemetery Contracted Services – \$2,100; Solid Waste Loader Payment \$5,280 and trailer \$15,600; and Pearson Hill Road 1/3 Reconstruction – \$8,946.35 for a total of \$43,926.35; seconded by Selectman Klumb and unanimously approved.

Selectman Mullins inquired as to whether funds for matching grants could be in a separate Warrant Article. The decision was to leave the grant items where they were.

Selectmen Klumb and Mullins recommended that the Police Department use \$267,780 as a target number for his 2009 budget. Chief Milano advised that he had quotes for a new cruiser from Grappone Ford and Erwin Ford that did not include outfitting the vehicle. He received no response from Hillsboro Ford. The Board inquired about purchasing through the State process. Selectman Klumb will call the Purchasing Agent for the State and inquire about the possibility. Chief Milano advised that in the past the State has put the cruiser purchases out to bid and accepted the lowest bid.

The Capital Reserve budget was reviewed increasing the TH Improvements to \$10,000 and added to the existing Cemetery Improvements Fund \$1,000.

It was realized that an additional \$3,000 needs to be put in the Land Trust Fund from the Land Use Change Tax. The 2008 Warrant Article 15 was to put in \$5,000 in addition to the regular annual contribution of \$3,000 voted at a previous Town Meeting.

Capital Outlay items were revised to remove the carpet for the Town Hall and the refinishing of the Town Hall floors and put the Town Shed Repairs of \$5,000 under the General Government Buildings budget.

The Board signed the payroll check and vendor manifests.

Selectman Klumb made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Minutes Amendment of November 17, 2008, which included the discussion on the Personnel Policy changes as written; seconded by Selectman Mullins and approved. Selectman Mullins made a motion to accept the December 1, 2008 minutes as written; seconded by Chairman Hashem and approved (Selectman Klumb was absent at this meeting). Selectmen Mullins made a motion to accept the December 8, 2008 minutes as written; seconded by Selectman Klumb and approved.

The Board signed the following for Administrative Assistant Judith Jones: purchase Order #29 for the Selectmen's Office for Mainstay Technologies in the amount of \$514.65.

After review of the current fees charged for Town Hall Rental and Police Coverage Selectman Mullins made a motion to change the fee to \$168 for a minimum of four hours for police coverage if alcohol is use and \$42 per hour for every hour beyond the four hours to be effective January 1, 2009; seconded by Selectman Klumb and unanimously approved.

The Board deferred the appointment of a representative and an alternate to the CRSW/RRC until later.

Gamil Azmy of Route 103 East and owns property crossing the Town Lines of Webster and Warner discussed an issue he is having with the Town of Warner whereby Warner is increasing the amount of acreage and more of the home situated in their Town. The decision was to have Mrs. Jones call Warner to find out what changes might have been made to his assessment card. Also, Selectman Klumb requested that the latest perambulation of the Town Lines of Warner/Webster be scanned and sent to him for review.

Financial Administrator Wendy Pinkham reminded the Board that she would be out from December 17th to the 30th, but would work on the 26th to do payroll and vendor checks.

Police Chief Milano presented his semi-monthly report.

7:50 P.M. Chairman Hashem made a motion to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II (a) with Chief Milano to discuss personnel issues; seconded by Selectman Mullins. Roll call: Chairman Hashem – yes; Selectman Mullins – yes and Selectman Klumb – yes. Mrs. Jones was requested to attend.

8:20 P.M. Chairman Hashem reconvened the meeting. He advised that the Board discussed personnel issues and no decisions were made. Selectman Mullins made a motion to seal the minutes; seconded by Selectman Klumb and unanimously approved.

8:21 P.M. Fire Chief Adam Pouliot requested a non-public session to discuss an issue that may affect someone's reputation. Selectman Klumb made a motion to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II (c) for the purpose stated above; seconded by Selectman Mullins. Roll Call: Chairman Hashem – yes; Selectman Mullins – yes and Selectman Klumb – yes. Mrs. Jones was requested to attend.

8:32 P.M. Chairman Hashem reconvened the meeting. He advised that the Board discussed matters which might affect someone's reputation. Selectman Mullins made a motion to seal the minutes; seconded by Selectman Klumb and unanimously approved.

Road Agent Emmett Bean advised that all the roads were open after the latest ice storm. He noted that the dirt roads are rough because of the thaw and freezing that has occurred. He is in a clean-up mode with the chipper. This unexpected weather will put the highway budget over for 2008, with more storms anticipated prior to the first of the year. There may be some help from FEMA available.

Chairman Hashem will write the Selectmen's Report for the Town Report.

The Board reviewed and discussed two proposed Warrant Article presented by the Conservation Commission. The decision was to e-mail Mary Jo MacGowan and request more information for the Selectmen's Meeting on December 29th and then make a decision.

8:27 P.M. Selectman Klumb made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Selectman Mullins and approved.

George K. Hashem

Thomas S. Mullins

David E. Klumb

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