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Webster Board of Selectmen's Meeting – March 23, 2009

6:35 P.M. Roll Call – Present: Chairman George Hashem, Selectman Thomas Mullins and Selectman David Klumb.

Chairman Hashem entertained a motion to elect a chairman. Selectman Klumb made a motion to appoint Selectman Mullins, as he is the 3rd year Selectman, as Chairman for the coming year; seconded by Chairman Hashem and approved.

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

- Selectman Klumb made a motion to accept the minutes of March 9, 2009 as written; seconded by Chairman Mullins and approved. Selectman Hashem made a motion to accept the minutes of March 19, 2009; seconded by Chairman Mullins and approved;
- A Notice of Intent to Excavate for Rick Cummings Map 9-12-4;
- Purchase Order #8 for Selectmen's Office to Mainstay Technologies for a Dell hard drive and Microsoft Office 2007 Basic in an amount not to exceed \$1,206;
- A License to Operate A Motor Vehicle Junk Yard for Webster Town Automotive Recycling on Dear Meadow Road, Map 9-18-2;
- An Intent to Cut for Richard George Map 4-41;
- An Intent to Cut for JKS Cold Brook Campground, LLC Map 5-54; and
- A medical leave slip for Wendy Pinkham.

Financial Administrator Mrs. Pinkham prepared and requested that the Board sign the finalized MS 2 "Report of Appropriations Actually Voted". This form is due 20 days after the Town Meeting. She also provided the printout reflecting the cuts made to Article 21 at the Town Meeting and all the expenditures made to date.

Lieutenant Philip Mitchell provided the semi-monthly Police report. He has requested a non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 (c) this evening.

Fire Chief Adam Pouliot advised that the cascade system for the rescue truck, these funds were encumbered from 2008, is installed and the actual cost was \$10,620. He advised that one of the trucks needs an alternator and possibly a battery. The alternator would come from MA at a cost of \$819 plus a core charge and the battery will cost \$600-\$1,000. The work will be done in-house. The truck is out of service now, but is expected to be repaired and ready in the next day or two. He also advised that the Warner Fire Chief requested that the Webster Fire Department provide fire protection for Connors Mill Road and Brook Meadow Road, as it will be temporarily inaccessible to the Warner Fire Department while the bridge is being repaired at the end of Connors Mill Road. The repairs are expected to take about three months.

Road Agent Emmett Bean expressed hopes that the snow was finally done noting that the dirt roads are muddy and difficult. Mr. Bean spoke with Warner Road Agent Allan Brown and will be doing work on Roby Road to accommodate the needs of trucks, etc. to reach the bridge being repaired on Connors Mill Road.

Selectman Hashem addressed the upcoming County Budget Meeting to be held 3/24/09 at 6:00 P.M. in Concord, advising folks to take a look at the County's proposals. Chairman Mullins, who plans on attending the meeting, noted that there is a lot more being spent at that level than most Townspeople are aware of. He reminded folks to e-mail their State Representatives, who are the ones to vote on the County budget, with concerns.

6:55 P.M. Selectman Klumb made a motion to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 (c) with Lieutenant Mitchell to discuss matters that may adversely affect someone's reputation; seconded by Selectman Hashem. Mrs. Jones was requested to attend.

7:14 P.M. Chairman Mullins reconvened the meeting. He advised that no decisions were made and that the Board voted to seal the non-public session minutes.

Bobby Drown recommended volunteers for the newly formed Agricultural Committee as follows:

Sue Roman	Member	2010
Bobby Drown	Member	2011
Guy Laroche	Member	2012
Leah Fallon	Alternate	2010
Martin Bender	Alternate	2011
Susan Roberts	Alternate	2012
Kim Fortune	Alternate	2010

Selectman Hashem made a motion to accept the recommendations above; seconded by Selectman Klumb and approved. Mr. Drown advised that there was a meeting of interest to the committee in Boscawen on April 9th. Mr. Drown was reminded that the committee must post their meetings and keep minutes.

The Board reviewed the recommendations of the Planning Board:

Jere Buckley	Member	2012
Alan Hofmann	Member	2012
Richard Cummings	Alternate 1	2012
George Hashem	Selectman Representative	2010
David Klumb	Alternate Selectman Representative	2010

Selectman Klumb made a motion to accept the recommendations as presented; seconded by Selectmen Hashem and approved.

The Board reviewed the recommendations of the Conservation Commission

Sally Embley	Member	2012
Jane Difley	Member	2012

Selectman Klumb made a motion to accept the recommendations as presented; seconded by Selectman Hashem and approved.

The Board reviewed the appointment of the Joint Loss Management Committee:

Lieutenant Philip Mitchell	Member	2010
Judith Jones	Member	2010
Marjorie Blanchette	Member	2010
Fire Chief Adam Pouliot	Member	2010

Selectmen Klumb made a motion to accept the recommendations as presented; seconded by Selectman Hashem and approved.

Everyone was reminded that all new appointees need to be sworn in by the Town Clerk, Selectman or Moderator.

There were several positions that still need to be approved by the Board and will be done at the next meeting.

A large number of citizens attended this meeting to see what the Board intended to do about the reductions taken from the budget at the Town Meeting. Chairman Mullins advised that a letter, copies were distributed to those in attendance, had been sent to all Department Heads and Committee Heads requesting that they search for any and all savings, to respond with how it would impact the public and to report back to the Board by March 27th. The budget numbers appearing in this letter reflected those from Article 21 as voted under Public Safety as they were reported to the Department of Revenue on the MS 2 (Appropriations Actually Voted). The Board does not plan to take any action until all Department Heads have been heard from. Selectman Hashem suggested that additional meetings would be necessary. Many questions, both pro and con, ensued with some of the highlights below:

- Where was the notice of the 3/19/09 meeting posted – at the Town Hall and on the web site as allowed by law.
- Were the cuts only from Article 21 – yes, as voted but proportioned between line items with help of the Town Attorney.
- Discussed the action taken at Town Meeting in general – noted the reductions would probably take several more meetings to finalize.
- Where can the reductions be taken – the Board can only move funds from Articles 16, 19, 20 and 21 as interfund transfers.
- Is there a rainy day fund or contingency fund – no, surplus is used to reduce the tax burden when the tax rate is set.
- Could the court be petitioned to return the funds – not likely. Typically it would take an emergency or catastrophic event to overspend.
- The Board explained that they had already stripped the budget prior to the meeting.
- Much discussion regarding the cuts, where they were to come from and the affect cuts would have. The Board indicated that they would like to have time to review the responses to the letter requesting possible cuts by the various Department Heads prior to any public input.
- Where did it say that Capital Reserves could not be reduced – paperwork shown to the citizen posing the question.

7:59 P.M. Selectman Hashem made a motion to recess this meeting until Monday, March 30, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.; seconded by Selectman Klumb and approved.

Thomas S. Mullins
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David E. Klumb

George K. Hashem