

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

Webster Board of Selectmen's Meeting – January 11, 2010

7:05 P.M. Present: Chairman Thomas Mullins, Selectman Klumb and Selectman George Hashem.

The Board signed the payroll and check manifests.

The Board signed the following for Administrative Assistant Judith Jones:

- Selectman Klumb made a motion to approve the December 28, 2009 Selectmen's Minutes as written; seconded by Selectman Hashem and approved. Selectman Hashem requested to wait until the next meeting to sign the Selectmen's Minutes of January 4, 2010, which was granted. Selectman Hashem made a motion to approve the January 4, 2010 non-public session 1 minutes, to be sealed for two weeks, as written; seconded by Selectman Hashem and approved. Selectman Klumb made a motion to approve the January 4, 2010 non-public session 2 minutes as written; seconded by Selectman Hashem and approved;
- A sick leave slip for Mrs. Jones;
- The Zoning Ordinance updates copy to be on file with the Town Clerk;
- Purchase Order #1 for the Town Hall to Yestramski Electrical Services, Inc. to replace linear actuator & adjust the generator in the amount of \$599.50; and
- An Agreement of Full-Time Employment Position of Police Officer for Officer-in-Charge Don Gross.

Financial Administrator Wendy Pinkham requested the Board sign a retirement certification form for Rich LaValley and an agreement to go from salary to hourly wages for Lieutenant Philip Mitchell. She also provided updated budgets with the encumbrances added.

The Board was advised that Town Clerk Michele St. Jacques will only be changing the newly issued registrations of Town vehicles to read "Town of Webster" and will not be changing the actual titles issued at an earlier date. The Board requested that she change all the titles to read the same if the cost is minimal.

Lieutenant Mitchell provided the Police Department's semi-monthly report. He advised that the Safety Building ran out of propane and that two heaters in the Fire Truck bays wouldn't light. Rymes Propane is working on the issue at no cost, noting that it was their error in the delivery schedule. Fire Chief Colin Colby advised that there had been sporadic issues with the heaters for awhile.

Chief Colby reported that the year ended with 129 calls as opposed to 170 calls in 2008 or down 25%. Calls for 2010 are at 4. He discussed possibly selling the snowmobile trailer used to haul the zodiac boat, which currently takes seven people to unload it from the trailer. His intent is to replace it with a regular boat trailer costing approximately \$700. Chief Colby requested that a minimum bid of \$1,500 be put on the trailer. He also provided the original title for the trailer to be on file with the Town Clerk. Chairman Mullins advised that the Board has the authority to declare items as surplus. Selectman Klumb made a motion to declare the 2006 Cara Trailer as surplus, which will now be advertised for sale through a sealed bid process with a minimum bid of \$1,500. The bids will be opened on January 25, 2010. The motion was seconded by Selectman Hashem and approved. Chief Colby offered to have folks contact him on his cell phone at 848-6394 to view the trailer. There was discussion on the purchase of the new trailer with no decisions made.

7:28 P.M. Selectman Hashem made a motion to go into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91:3 A II (b) for the purpose of hiring; seconded by Selectman Klumb. Roll call: Chairman Mullins – yes; Selectman Klumb – yes and Selectman Hashem – yes.

9:15 P.M. Chairman Mullins reconvened the meeting. He advised that the Board interviewed candidates, discussed their qualifications, and that the Board has tentatively chosen a candidate subject to finalizing a contract agreement.

Willard Richard discussed the Azmy property and possible violations by having illegal apartments at the residence at 909 Route 103. He recommended that the Board issue a cease and desist and an eviction notice. He provided a letter from the previous owner Charles Dube indicating that the home never had apartments in the time he owned it from 1977 to 2001 at which time it was purchased by Mr. Azmy. Mr. Richard provided a copy of the original realty listing of the property saying that there were no apartments. He indicated that the Webster assessment card listed no bedrooms and wondered how there could be any apartments located in Webster. He also noted the features type, which is blank. Mr. Richard indicated that there were several barn type structures on the Webster side and a pottery shop attached to or part of the building. The listing history on the card indicated that an assessor was there in 2009, but did not get inside the building. Mr. Richard said that Mr. Azmy applied for an Acquaculture Farm non-profit status, but in checking with the AG's office found that the paperwork was never completed and the "farm" does not exist. He had concerns about a barn approximately 75' from the river. The Board advised him that the Conservation Commission had been advised of this earlier. The Board ad

vised that the information will be sent to Town Counsel for review. Mr. Richard requested that the Board keep him updated as to any progress.

Bruce Johnson was on the agenda but advised that Board that he was all set.

Mrs. Pinkham had a new budget request for the Parks & Rec. line to add \$1,200 for a new flag pole, which was approved by the Board.

Selectman Hashem made a motion to amend the "Town Vehicle Policy" to include the line "All new vehicles acquired by the Town shall be stock or factory color and shall not be altered"; seconded by Selectman Klumb and approved.

The Board discussed the budget and revenues. The warrant needs to go to the Department of Revenue and Town Counsel for review. Mrs. Jones' goal is to have it sent by 1/19/10. Selectman Hashem requested Mrs. Pinkham add another revenue line from the landfill to have \$1, which was done. She also added the \$27,000 to the revenues to come from the Capital Reserve for the cruiser. Other changes were discussed and made. Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Pinkham are attending a workshop on Wednesday at the Department of Revenue regarding Warrant & Budgets. There will be time for them to talk with representatives with questions regarding Webster's Warrant.

Road Agent Emmett Bean advised that there may be grant funds available in the future for road projects if a plan were in place. Mr. Bean had provided the Board with road projects for sealing, etc. at the last meeting. Barbara Corliss volunteered to help organize any plans.

Chairman Mullins advised that the Public Hearing for the Warrant & Budget review was scheduled for February 9, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall. He commented that Webster would be a donor community, referring to the School Taxes, if there were no changes made in the Legislature.

10:00 P.M. Selectmen Klumb made a motion to recess this meeting until Friday, January 15, 2010 at 3:00 P.M.; seconded by Selectman Hashem and approved.

Thomas S. Mullins-Chairman
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David E. Klumb

George K. Hashem