

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of January 4, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice-Chairman Bruce Breton called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Selectmen Ross McLeod, Charles McMahon, and Roger Hohenberger were present, as was Town Administrator David Sullivan. Chairman Galen Stearns was delayed and arrived at 7:25 PM. Mr. Breton opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, and then read the agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mrs. Barbara Coish, Sister City Committee, noted that she had received holiday greetings from Suzdal's Regional Mayor Ivanoff.

Mr. McMahon noted that Al and Patty Letizio were undertaking a fundraiser to benefit Windham's Helping Hands by providing Christmas tree disposal to Windham residents. Anyone interested should contact 894-4445, extension 10 to sign up and plan on leaving their tree curbside on Saturday January 9th. It is asked that monetary donations of the participants' choice be left in a plain envelope clearly marked "Windham Helping Hands".

Chief Tom McPherson approached to note that it was time once again to set the Comstar ambulance rates for the Town, noting that a downward swing is expected in Medicare/Medicaid patient reimbursement rates which will impact the Town's revenue. Discussion ensued as to the amount of the decreased revenue, which is minimal, and Mr. Hohenberger then moved and Mr. McMahon seconded to maintain the rates as they are currently for 2010. Passed 4-0.

Mr. Breton noted that, beginning on January 30th, the Town Clerk's Office will be offering extended hours on the last Saturday of each month from 9AM to 12 noon. In addition, the department will be implementing the EREG online vehicle renewal system in February.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter of resignation received from Mr. Chris Rosetti from the Conservation Commission. Mr. McLeod moved and Mr. Hohenberger seconded to accept with regrets and gratitude for Mr. Rosetti's service. Passed 4-0.

Notice received of impending rate changes from Comcast. Mr. Sullivan noted that several, various service costs will be decreasing in the near future.

LIAISON REPORTS: None.

MINUTES: None.

GROUNDSKEEPING BIDS: Mr. Sullivan advised that two late bids had been submitted, one being received from Cornerstone at 2:10 PM on December 29th while the opening was in process and not fully completed, and the other from Delahunty's at 2:00 PM on December 30th after the bid amounts were available to the general public. He indicated that it was within the Board's purview to accept or reject these bids. After a brief discussion, Mr. McLeod moved and Mr. McMahon seconded to accept the bid from Cornerstone for consideration and to reject that received from Delahunty's. Passed 4-0.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Sullivan inquired whether the Board wished to continue with the annual mosquito control program and, if so, to retain the current vendor. After a brief discussion, Mr. McMahan moved and Mr. McLeod seconded to waive the bid process for mosquito control services. Passed 3-1, with Mr. Hohenberger opposed.

Mr. McMahan then moved and Mr. McLeod seconded to award the 2010 mosquito control contract to Municipal Pest Management and Swamp, Inc. Passed 3-1, with Mr. Hohenberger opposed. A lengthy discussion then ensued regarding the pros and cons of spraying versus the annual expense.

Mr. Sullivan reminded the Board that the public hearing on the budget was scheduled for the following Monday evening. He advised that, at that time a draft warrant article relative to amending the eligibility requirements for the Elderly Exemption would also be discussed.

Mr. McLeod motioned and Mr. McMahan seconded to adjourn. Passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendi Devlin, Administrative Assistant

Note: These minutes are in draft form and have not been submitted to the Board for approval.