The meeting was held at the Russell School.

Selectmen present: Mark Andrew, Janice Mulherin
Administrative Assistant: Anne Dow

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2011 BUDGET AND WARRANT

Selectman Andrew opened the public hearing At 7:05 p.m. Approximately 25 people attended. Mr. Andrew gave a brief overview of the budget. With no wage increases and minimal changes to department budgets, the operating budget is about the same as last year. An increase of 25% to Capital Reserve Funds, a request for funding the Master Plan and fire department requests for extrication equipment and hydrant work brings the total budget to approximately 3.6% over 2010. When off-setting revenues are figured in the net increase is about 1%.

The hearing continued with a few questions and discussion on some articles.

- The amount requested for the library in Article 20, (which was left off of some of the handouts) was incorrectly stated. The correct amount to be raised should be $40,130, not $36,130; $4,000 will be offset by endowment funds.
- Article 23- Extrication Equipment – breakdown of money raised and grant money is $9,500 and $4,500, for a total of $14,000, not $8,500 and $4,500.
- Article 24 – hydrant work – To date, the Board had not received an amount from the Fire Commissioners to be included; Dave Coursey was present and stated that $5,000 should take care of the work they have planned for 2011. The Board agreed to include the $5,000 but stated that before funds are expended, a written plan needs to be in place.
- Dave Coursey also requested $3,000 be added to the Water Supply Capital Reserve Fund; the Board agreed to the request.

The public hearing adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

John Patterson asked to meet with the Board to discuss an issue. At 8:00 the Board voted to enter into non-public session under 91:A:3 (c). The Board voted to leave non-public session at 8:05. No decisions were made. The Board will check into a few things and get in touch with Mr. Patterson when they have something to report.

Jake Brakes - Howard Beadle asked the Board what the status was regarding the town’s position on “jake brakes”. Mr. Beadle attended a Selectmen’s meeting in September and expressed his concerns over the noise from these brakes during the night and early morning hours. The Board had tabled this issue until after the budget process. They will take a look into what options are available to the town on this issue.
SELECTMEN'S ISSUES

Septic System Approval – The Board reviewed and approved a back-up septic system for the Bry Harv property at 556 Depot Street, Tax Map #12-07-32.

CNP – The Board would like to meet with either Mr. Nieder or Mr. Bodwell to discuss the upcoming plan for reval. Anne schedule a meeting with them.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Selectmen's Report – The report needs to be completed as soon as possible.

Correspondence

NHDOT – Re: Bridge Rehabilitation, Quincy Road over Stinson Brook – notified the Board of plans for the bridge and asked if the Town had any concerns about the project. The Board did not have any concerns; Anne will send a letter to DOT stating that.

Meeting Schedule – The Board will not meet on February 21st.

Signed: Checks; Septic Plan for #12-07-32;

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Dow
Administrative Assistant