Selectmen: Ed Haskell, Dan Kimble, Cheryl Lewis
Clerk: Diana Kindell
Advisory Board: Roger Daniels, Mark Andrew, Dennis Burnham, Ken Wernig, Isaac DeWever

Chairman Ed Haskell opened the meeting at 6:22 pm.

Dave Coursey spoke to the Board regarding the dry hydrant for Stinson Lake. Neil McIver has the plans and inquired if they wanted to view them at this meeting. Ed stated they were more interested in the final figures for this project.

At 6:30 pm Ed made a motion to enter non-public session, seconded by Dan and agreed to per RSA 91-A:3, II(c) to meet with Brian and Ilene Clark of Warren-Wentworth Ambulance Service. Dan made a motion to seal the minutes, seconded by Cheryl and agreed to. At 6:53 pm Dan made a motion to leave non-public session, seconded by Cheryl and agreed to. No decisions were made.

Rebecca Lord and Brian Benson attended this meeting as part of their high school Civics class.

Mark Andrew did comment before budgets started that he is still against using the highway F550 for a fire/utility truck. He has researched and found two companies that build utility trucks to order and both offer a unit under $100,000. He provided this information to the Board for review.

**Highway:** Frank Simpson presented his proposed budget for 2015 to the Board. There was little change from the 2014 budget. Cheryl questioned a couple of line items as well as the supply of winter sand. The sand is fully stocked. Mark questioned the salt supply and Frank stated he has 37 ton and that should suffice. Salt can be difficult to acquire at winter’s end should there be a need. Mark also questioned if the outside labor line was enough. With monies available for the Buffalo Bridge project, Frank felt this was sufficient. The road improvements and paving this coming year would be to continue on Buffalo Road – there are parts throughout the road that have not been upgraded.

The building will need to be painted including considerable prep work.

The Capital Reserve for the dump truck was reviewed as that is scheduled for replacement in 2016.

**Library:** Tom Wallace presented the budget for the library. Oil usage was questioned as it was high for last year and Tom explained they were caught up in the Fuller Oil shortage. No deliveries were received in the prior December and two were received in January 2014. It was suggested phone and electric be increased to $1500 to deal with the higher electric rates already in place.

Tom said $1000 would be added to books and it was coming from an endowment fund.

Accessibility Project – the plans are almost done and will go out to bid in mid-November to December and he should have figures by mid-January.

Capital Reserve funds are contingent on the project article as to whether it passes or not.
Health Agencies: Working with the Advisory Board the following amounts were decided upon –

- Ammonoosuc Community Health Services $1250
- Pemi-Baker Community Health $4500
- Voices Against Violence $1000
- Bridge House $2000
- Genesis $ 300
- CASA $ 500
- CADY $1000
- Mid State Health Center 0

The agencies the town uses extensively were favored with the amounts allotted. The Health Officer stipend was all right as requested.

Capital Reserve Accounts: This was deferred to a later date as there is more work needed before finalizing the amounts per department.

Administrative:

Blasting Regulations: Recently handling the first blasting permit application, it was determined that a couple of additions to our regulations were needed. The Planning Board had reviewed and recommended the following:
- Add receive the application 10 days prior to the scheduled blast
- Add notice be put in local paper twice prior to the scheduled blast
- Add completed and signed checklist to the application requirements

It was also suggested the two local papers – Penny Saver and Record Enterprise be added to the check list. Ed made a motion to accept these changes, seconded by Dan and agreed to.

Police Department: Officer Miller updated the Board on his department. He will be attending a training on the 11th in Epping and Kevin Maes will be attending one on the 18th at Troop F.

Qualifying at the Plymouth range has been difficult this year and he looked at a possible location at the Transfer Station when targets could be set up. He will discuss this further with Sonny and Frank.

Halloween goodie bags were distributed at Russell Elementary – sample provided which contained coloring books, pencils and other trinkets.

The Crown Vic has problems. The water pump is presently being replaced. Snow tires also need to be mounted on both cruisers.

The cones are in place for Election Day.

The Police Department has a facebook page up and running – check it out. Notices are being made on it such as the trick or treat hours and there is also a question/answer section.

Time Warner Franchise renewal: The Board requested a follow up with the attorney working on this and see if a fee amount has been determined.

Oil Vendor: A contract with CN Brown for oil reviewed. Dan made a motion to accept this contract and Cheryl seconded. It was agreed to.
Elections:  The Board divided the day according to their schedules to cover the elections on November 4th.

Selectmen:

Highway Truck-06 Ford F550:  Dave Coursey, Carl Spring and John Bagley approached the Board to see if a decision had been made on the transfer of the 2006 F550 from the Highway Dept. to the Fire Dept. None of the members had a problem with the transfer, however, they wanted no monies spent on it this year and a warrant article be prepared for the complete retrofit to be presented at town meeting. Cheryl made a motion to transfer the truck, seconded by Ed and agreed to. Dan suggested magnetic signs saying “fire department” be purchased to place over “highway department”.

Minutes:  The minutes of October 20th were approved with one change.
The Scholarship Fund Hearing minutes were approved with one change.
The Truck Transfer Hearing minutes were approved with one change.

Cheryl noted she has been on the scholarship committee as the Selectmen’s representative for the past few years. With her son graduating this year she felt it was a conflict of interest to hold that position. Another Board member should serve this year and that will be determined at a later date.

Non-public session:  At 9:16 pm Dan made a motion to enter non-public session, per RSA 91-A:3,I(b), seconded by Ed and agreed to for a discussion on the search for a police chief. Dan made a motion to seal the minutes, seconded by Ed and agreed to. At 9:35 pm Dan made a motion to leave non-public session, seconded by Ed and agreed to. No decisions were made.

Signed:  Checks

Upcoming:  
11/04  General Election – Russell School 8:00 am – 7:00 pm
11/10  No meeting
11/17  Meeting – Budgets – TC/TC, Cemeteries, Police, EMS
11/24  No meeting
11/25  Planning Board meeting
12/01  Selectmen’s Meeting – Resident’s forum

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Kindell
Clerk