

Minutes

Albany NH Selectmen's Meeting

February 10, 2010

At 4:00 p.m., the Selectmen's meeting was called to order. In attendance were Jack Rose, Dan Sdankus and Sara Young-Knox. Also present were Rob Nadler, Steve Knox, Rita Wells and Joe Ferris. Curtis Coleman joined the meeting at 4:45.

Regular Business:

- Reviewed & approved February 3 minutes & January 27(SM) minutes—Sara made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted, Dan seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- Signed checks.
- Review e-mail from Peter Malia.
- Review e-mail from Linda Gray.

NonPublic Session RSA 91-A:3, I-a:

At 4:15 p.m. Sara made a motion to move into nonpublic session citing RSA 91-A:3 I(a). Jack seconded the motion and all were in favor.

At 4:25 p.m., Sara motioned to move into public session, seconded by Jack and all were in favor.

Public Hearing on Municipal Budget:

At 4:30 p.m. the Public Hearing was called to order. There was discussion on the salaries received by town employees and elected officials and how cost of living raises are administered. Also discussed were the unexpended funds in the conferences line of the Financial Administration budget.

After the Board considered all discussions, Sara Young-Knox made a motion to discuss and vote for the 2009 proposed salary of the Administrative Assistant to be increased by 2.7%, which is the "not seasonally adjusted Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers" in place of the submitted 3.4%, which is the "not seasonally adjusted Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Sara voted yea, Dan and Jack voted nay. The motion failed.

Jack made a motion to discuss and vote to delete the Administrative Assistant overtime line as no overtime was expended last year. The AA advised Jack that before a decision is made, to consider a factor. She went on to say that if this line is deleted then the Administrative Assistant compensation becomes solely salary and when the AA works as Town Clerk for instance, at an election, currently 8 hours pay is subtracted from the AA's paycheck. If this line is deleted it means that the full pay would be compensated regardless. Jack voted yea, Dan and Sara voted nay. The motion failed.

The assessing line saw a large increase, totaling 23,920, as the Assessors will be completing their cyclical work in 2010. This includes visiting a larger percentage of properties, creating more hours in the field in addition to additional computer work to enter their data. A portion of the increase in this line contains \$2,500 of their updating labor. The Assessor's update will compare the town's data to sales in the area and adjust as such. This is a separate contract from their normal work. Sara Young-Knox made a motion to accept a Selectman's warrant article to fund the remaining monies for the Assessor's update in the amount of \$10,000 to be taken from the Revaluation Trust Fund. Dan seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Sara Young-Knox made a motion to pass the budget as written to the voters of Albany. Dan seconded the motion and all were in favor. Jack asked if there was any other public comment. There was none. At 5:15 p.m., Jack made a motion to close the Public Hearing, Sara seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Steve Knox:

Steve informed the Board of Selectmen that in order to move forward with the Trust for Public Land, that the Town must obtain a Data Universal Number System (DUNS) number. Steve added that this must be done as soon as possible for the April deadline of grants.

Steve also said that he and Jack, along with Gregg Caporrossi (TPL) will be going to a meeting in Concord on March 5. At this meeting, the NHDOT will be reviewing the Scenic By-Way Grant to which Steve thinks will be the largest potential grant Albany can receive. Dan volunteered to also attend the meeting.

At 5:30 p.m., Sara Young-Knox made a motion to adjourn. Dan seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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