

Present: Dorianne Almann, Bruce Bellville, Michael Carrier, Joseph Conroy, Mike Darcy (selectmen's rep), John Hartnet, James MacDonell, Lewis Major, Peter Zavorotny.
Excused: Morris Klein, Tina McCosker.

Mr. Zavorotny called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall.

Budget packages to date were distributed along with minutes for the selectmen's meeting and a summary of budgets over the last several years. The committee decided to hold off on any action until all have had a chance to review the information.

A new item will be included in the police budget covering a School Resource Officer. While a three year grant covers most of the officer's salary, the Town and School district will need to cover about \$15,000 per year. After the grant ends, the Town and School will be responsible for 100% of the officer's salary. This is a new hire--one stipulation of the grant--so is an addition to both budgets.

New police officers are now in academy training.

Mr. Darcy noted that health insurance costs rose 9-1/2% and 7% for the school and town, respectively.

Mr. Bellville discussed estimated tax impact and distributed a photocopied page on the subject.

If an emergency arises, Mr. Hartnet asked, is there a way to get more money to handle it? Mr. Zavorotny replied that the matter would have to go through the courts or Department of Revenue approval would be required.

Mr. Hartnet asked about the fire department. Mr. Darcy replied that the selectmen have nothing definite has been discussed. Mr. Bellville said the building is slowly collapsing into the river. There's a crack in the building that is getting bigger as time passes.

Mr. Darcy gave an update to the committee on the police station.

The bonds start next year. The bond bank, having received only two applications, put things on hold until July 2014. The town is looking at a short term loan the interest of which is less than 1%. Mr. Bellville noted that this means the town will see a small impact this year with the impact being felt the following year.

Demolition of the two buildings on the site of the new police station begins the week of Thanksgiving. Hazmat issues are being addressed. Peter Tennant met with the selectmen, showing them a slightly tweaked design: a 3,875 sq. ft building with a 572 sq. ft. sally port. A construction management approach will be followed. The up-front costs will be higher, but overall planning, coordination, and control of a project from beginning to completion ensures budgetary control.

Mr. Major and Mr. Darcy discussed the furnace in one of the buildings being demolished. It is new and will be used in the police station.

The next meeting was set for December 4 at 6:30 pm with the committee meeting with the selectmen on December 9 at 6:30 pm.

Mr. Zavorotny asked if there were other issues anyone wanted to discuss. When none were raised, he asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Major made the motion, was seconded by Mr. McDonell, and the meeting concluded at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

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Recording Secretary