

Present: Chairman Ebbighausen, Selectmen Stephens, Bellville, Schill, Smith & T. A. Collins.

6:00 p.m. Chairman Ebbighausen opened the meeting.

Selectman Smith made a motion to sign the manifest, second by Selectman Schill motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the Jan. 3rd meeting, second by Selectman Stephens, motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Bellville made a motion to sign the Permit to Trap license for Joseph Stevens, second by Selectman Stephens, motion passed unanimously.

Fire Chief Johnson was in to discuss two proposed articles for the 2011 warrant. He explained that the personnel protective equipment that they are requesting the expendable trust fund be set up for is due to the fact that they are required to replace this equipment every ten years. He said the approximate cost per outfit is \$2,146. He was asked if there are grants available for this type of purchase. He explained that there are grants, but there is no guarantee the town would receive one.

He also explained that he would like to start an expendable trust fund for the proposed article for the breathing apparatus. He said they have to be replaced by 2013. There are grant funds for this purpose but the town can only apply every ten years.

Selectman Smith made a motion to approve the water connection for the new Wal-Mart, second by Selectman Schill, motion passed unanimously.

Jill informed the board that the new federal rate for mileage is .51 . Selectman Schill stated that he feels the town car should be used more, he feels the town custodian/part time building insp. should use it when it is available. He feels a policy should be set regarding usage of the vehicle. The board would like figures showing how much use the town vehicle gets. It was noted that most of the employees are not comfortable taking it out of town, due to the condition of the vehicle. The board will review this matter after town meeting.

Town Clerk Akeley was in to meet with the board. Chairman Ebbighausen asked her if she is back to working her normal hours, she said she started back last week. He asked her about the fact that she was working at Rite Aid during the day, when she would normally be working at the town hall. She explained that it was only one day and they had called her and asked her to fill in. She did apologize to the board and said she understood their concern.

Selectman Stephens said that she has received complaints regarding the town clerk hours. She stated that since she is an elected official if she wishes to work on Friday, she should be allowed to. Tammy said that she does work on Friday or Saturday on occasion.

Jill informed the board that three bids were received for the printing of the annual town report. The low bidder was Select Print Solutions with a quote of \$2,984. Selectman Schill made a motion to award the bid to Select Print Solutions, second by Selectman Smith, motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Bellville expressed concern regarding the fact that the town would be flushing a private system (Wal-Mart), he was told the flushing is for the hydrants. He also expressed concern regarding fire suppression and the irrigation system. Chairman Ebbighausen explained that the board had already approved the water connection. The board would like Water Supt. Nadeau to meet with them to clarify some of these matters. Selectmen Stephens & Bellville did not sign the connection permit.

Selectman Schill gave the board an update of the perambulation of the town lines. He suggested the board meet with the Winchester board regarding this. He also suggested that perhaps the board should meet with the Northfield Ma. board regarding this. Jill will do a letter to them for the board to sign at their next meeting.

Selectman Bellville said that the conservation comm. discussed the petition warrant art. regarding the lot acreage. He said they will be sending their recommendations to the planning board. He also stated that he hoped the board would pass their views on this matter to the planning board.

Selectman Bellville stated that he had heard that the proposed school budget it up 2.5%, Selectman Schill said he heard 3.5%. Selectman Bellville feels the board representative should bring a message to the school board regarding the fact that the town has kept their budget down and would like to see the school do the same.

Chairman Ebbighausen said that some towns are billing banks and mortgage companies for copies of tax bill, he said they are charging between .25 to 1.00 per copy. Jill said some towns charge between 1.00 to 5.00.

Money given town treasurer:

Selectmen – Credit Sale of Trash Bags	\$ 2,870.00
Selectmen – Credit Transfer Station	613.23
Selectmen – Credit Highway	107.86
Selectmen – Credit HCC Program	60.00
Selectmen – Credit HCC Rental	150.00
Selectmen – Credit Fire Dept. (restitution)	222.00
State of NH – Credit Highway Block Grant	19,979.52

Building Inspector – Credit Permits

Justaplain	30.00
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Bellville, Bruce	45.00
American Const.	2,083.50
Smith, Michael	<u>45.00</u>
Total	\$26,221.11

8:00 p.m. Selectman Smith made a motion to adjourn, second by Chairman Ebbighausen, motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Shaw, A. A.

