

Selectmen Present: Gary Vanderweil
Edwin Carr
Frederick Koed
Ralph Dormitzer
Paul Carlson

Others Present: William R. Griffin, Town Manager
Jennifer Oram, Recording Secretary

Chairman Gary Vanderweil called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Town Manager’s Report

Town Manager, William Griffin, stated that there is a problem with the broadcast of the meeting, and that Comcast has been alerted.

Selectman Comment Period

Selectman Paul Carlson stated that he had received phone calls about the “investigation” of ghosts at Town Hall.

Minutes Approval – Selectman Ralph Dormitzer moved to approve the minutes of November 5, 2007 as amended. Selectman Edwin Carr seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. Selectman Carlson moved to approve the minutes of November 19, 2007 as amended. Selectman Frederick Koed seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. Selectman Koed moved to approve the minutes of December 3, 2007 as amended. Selectman Carr seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. Selectman Dormitzer moved to approve the minutes of December 17, 2007 as amended. Selectman Carlson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Pole Hearing – Forest Avenue – Aileen Derois of National Grid addressed the Board. National Grid and Verizon New England want to replace a tree guy that came down in a storm at 258 Forest Avenue. Mr. Mark Babka, of 258 Forest submitted a letter and spoke against the pole being put in his front yard. He asked that other options be looked at. The Board asked Ms. Derois if she could explore other options, and they would continue the hearing until the 4th of February. Ms. Derois agreed.

Fiscal 2009 Budget Message – Town Manager, William Griffin, reviewed for the Board and the community, his budget message. Mr. Griffin reviewed the total projected revenue for fiscal 2009, Available Funds, the Fiscal 2009 Expenditure Recommendations and priorities for future consideration. Mr. Griffin presented a balanced budget. Mr. Griffin explained to the Board that he had each department submit two budgets: a level service budget, and a budget that was 2% less than Fiscal 2008. He stated that the budget presented this evening, did have most of the 2% cuts included, and did not incorporate any of the collective bargaining agreements that will be up for renewal in June 2008. (Budget message on file in the Town Manager’s office).

Stormwater Management Committee – Chairman of the committee, Marty Nee, Sarah Charron, Jim Kinch, Stephen Bobo, James Drysdale and Mr. Lawry Reed addressed the Board. Mr. Mark Bartlett of Norfolk Ram Engineering was also present on behalf of the committee. Mr. Nee and Ms. Charron reviewed for the Board the changes that have been incorporated in to their proposed bylaw. They stated that many of the changes were in response to input made by the Selectmen at previous meetings. The committee would now like to move forward to Town Meeting. A lengthy conversation was had between Board members and the committee. Selectman Dormitzer suggested that some of the language should be made more flexible. He asked the committee to look at engineering costs provided by Engineer, John Cavanaro, and Engineer, Daniel Coughlin. Other members of the Board gave suggested changes. Chairman Vanderweil asked that the Stormwater Agent be appointed by the Conservation Commission, not by the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Carlson suggested that notification parameters be looked at to include everyone that would be affected by a project, not just direct abutters. Chairman Vanderweil asked for the updated version of the bylaw to be back to the Board by February 11th. The Board can then edit that version, get it to the committee, and then a vote can be taken.

Selectman Carlson moved to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Koed seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Vanderweil
Chairman