

Board of Selectmen
Town Hall Conference Room
Wednesday, December 28, 2011
Minutes

Present: First Selectman William W. Fritz, Jr.; Selectmen, Dolly Mezzetti, Thomas Vicino, John Giannotti and Carol Walter.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the United States flag

VISITORS

No one wished to speak at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 21, 2011

Mezzetti made a motion to approve the minutes from December 21, 2011. Walter seconded the motion for discussion. On page 1, 2012 Board of Selectmen Calendar the motion passed 3-0 with one abstention. Under Selectmen’s Reports, Reported by Fritz, second paragraph, it should say Regional Animal Shelter meeting. Walter made a motion, seconded by Mezzetti to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

None

FINANCE DIRECTOR’S LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

The line item transfers have already been approved by the Board of Finance. The line item transfers are needed to cover the shortfalls in the Pension Plan – Highway and Pension Plan-Other budgets. Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino to approve the following line item transfers already approved by the Board of Finance and send to a town meeting.

From: Other General Government - Contingency	\$28,000
To: Fringe Benefits – Pension Plan - Highway	\$28,000
From: Other General Government – Contingency	\$67,000
To: Fringe Benefits – Pension Plan – Other	\$67,000

TROPICAL STORM IRENE ACCOUNT

Pete Neff, Director of Public Works updated the board on the summary of costs year to date and the anticipated costs for storm Irene. The amount of cleanup and paper necessary was beyond something the department or town could handle. FEMA requires that the town meet certain

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requirements in order to be eligible for reimbursement. The town engaged Maguire Group to monitor the recovery efforts from Irene and to assure that the town meets all the FEMA requirements in order to receive the maximum reimbursement. Summary of costs were broken down into five sections. Storm operations totaled \$56,532.50 and were expenses that took place within the first 24 hours – 48 hours. Town Facilities totaled \$79,476.78 and were repairs or estimates to repair town infrastructures. Phase 1 was the debris removal from town roads and facilities. Phase 2 was the removal, reduction and disposal of all organic/green debris and the management/administrative services for the Maguire. The biggest expensive was phase 3. Phase 3 cleared the town rite of ways of hanging limbs, leaning trees, stumps and dangerous trees. They also cleared all town facilities of unsafe and or damaged trees and hangers. Specialized equipment was needed. During Phase 1 and 2, 25,626 cubic yards of green waste was collected. During Phase 3, 81 trees were removed, 2259 hangers were removed from trees and 27 stumps were removed. Most of the work is complete. There are three estimates included in the summary. The Beach Park Road Culverts, repair the Town Beach Gazebo and to reset the brick walk area. The total cost for the storm cleanup is \$1,451,759.27. 90 percent of operations are eligible for 75% reimbursement from FEMA. Eligible cost estimated at 90 percent is \$1,306,583.34. A percentage award of 75% would be \$979,937.51. \$15,489.91 is due back from the state for clearing Route 1, 81 and 145. The town will receive an additional award for force equipment/DPW, Fire and Police estimated at \$25,000.00. The estimated total award the town could receive would be \$1,020,427.42. The reimbursement will go to the state first then the town will need to receive their reimbursement from the state. Walter questioned why the cleanup cost was higher then originally anticipated. Walter feels the Board of Selectmen should to go through the NIMS Training Program. Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino to appropriate \$1,452,000.00 for storm Irene and send to the Board of Finance for approval. Walter abstained from voting. Fritz did not vote. The motion passed 3-0 with one abstention.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Reported by Vicino

- Economic Development Commission meeting was held last week. The meeting was very successful. The commission will be posting their 2012 calendar and will be meeting on a monthly basis.

Reported by Walter

- Walter attended last week's Economic Development Commission meeting
- There was some discussion on the renovation plans for the Old Police Station. Walter would rather see the building used for commercial use.

Reported by Giannotti

- Municipal Building Committee update. The committee asked Jacunski for other estimates and is looking into trying to reduce the price.

Mezzetti had nothing new to report.

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Reported by Fritz

- Last week Governor Malloy announced the Town of Clinton was awarded a \$400,000 Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) grant. This grant will be used to revitalize US Rte. 1 from the Indian River west to Commerce Street.
- The Board of Selectmen will begin reviewing budgets next week. Fritz and Kane will begin meeting with department heads tomorrow. Next week's Selectmen meeting will be held at 8:00 AM. The 2011 calendar posted next week's meeting as a morning meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – CONTRACT

Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino to enter into executive session at 8:12 PM and invite the Board of Selectmen. The motion was unanimously approved.

The board came out of executive session at 8:38 PM.

Giannotti made a motion, seconded by Vicino to accept the Dispatchers and Animal Control Contract from July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2014. The motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURN

Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino
Administrative Assistant