

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF CONWAY, MA
MINUTES
January 22, 2007

Meeting Open: 7:30

Present: Joe Strzegowski, Christina Conklin, Jack Lochhead, Tom Spiro
Finance Committee – Roy Cohen, John Pitzzi, Jim Bowman, Amy-Louise Pfeffer, Tanya Campbell

Appointments

Budget Hearings

7:30 Assessors – Lee Whitcome, Lee Totman

Lee Totman described budget changes, and Lee Whitcome gave a brief overview of how GIS would be incorporated. The re-valuation in 2008 will be noted in a separate warrant article for \$15,000. Lee noted that Laura Hutt is working out as her assistant, and that they are both caught up on the vehicle excise and forest cutting tax billings.

The ZBA has had three hearing this year, and requested a budget of \$200.

8:00 Historical Commission – Carl Darrow

They requested level funding for next year of \$500

8:15 Parks and Recreation Commission – Julie Sweet, Kate Blair

They requested \$1,000 for their budget and will request \$2,500 in a warrant article for purchase of a storage shed.

9:00 Board of Health – Dave Chichester, Carl Nelke, Bob Colisky

Dave gave a summary of the emergency telephone system test. He included a 3% Cost of Living Assessment (COLA) salary increase, and noted that extra work was not needed to patrol the transfer station. Increases were requested for Tipping Fees and for Trucking Costs even though an increase in recycling has lowered tipping fees in general.

It was discussed that the emergency phone system was lumped into the line item for purchased services.

The Finance Committee asked if the Rabies line item (100-510-5781-0000) of \$1,500 was necessary as there has been no expense in the past three years.

Meeting Items

- § Approved minutes of 1/16/07
- § The Finance Committee discussed the COLA percentage. The Finance Committee recommended a 3.5% increase while the Selectboard felt it should be less.
- § The status of Free Cash was discussed with the Finance Committee.
- § The Selectboard asked Tom to see if Ginny would be willing to act as the 2010 Census Liaison.
- § The interview schedule was set for the open Highway Department job.
- § Helen Baker's Town Licenses were discussed. Joe noted that Conway charges her less for three licenses than Deerfield would charge her for two licenses.
- § It was noted that the gas tanks at Baker's County Store had leaked and are now being worked on. It was determined that the FRCOG may be able to help Baker's offset the cost of this work, and that the town may also be able to help with a temporary loan.

Mail and Other Items

- § Warrants as per agenda
- § Other mail items as per agenda

10:50 PM

Motion to adjourn by Christina, 2nd by Jack, all in favor.