

Warrant Committee Meeting, January 19, 2011

Members in Attendance: Peter Smith, Andy Waugh, Dave Melville, Dave Stapleton, Maureen Arkle, Jane Wemyss, Joe Melican-Selectman; James Stewart came later.

Session: Selectman's Room

Mr. Smith called the session to order at 7:00.

The Cemetery Commission, Jon Wolff and Carol Jackman, presented their budget as a level service budget noting the Cemetery generates a large profit which is turned back to the General Fund. The Supervisor, Rusty Dauphinee, reallocated expenses to reflect a more accurate picture. Maintenance is a gray area vs. mechanical/repair. The part-time/summer help/worker is a non-contract employee who will receive a raise from \$11.50 to \$12.00/hour or a 4% increase which similarly equates to the value of a contract employee step plus the 2.3% increase. The Commission believes the employee does a great job and actually the first part-time worker to perform well after several attempts at filling this position. The job requires approximately 480 hours. They utilize the services from the highway department during summer hours when available.

An additional increase in burial pay of 11.92% was noted; however, this increase is billed back to the clients. The budget was reviewed in depth:

- printing cartridge costs have increased;
 - repaired water leaks should reduce water surcharges;
 - ground maintenance has been cut back to professional services every other week;
 - an extended warranty for their vehicle is being considered;
 - auto supplies are required for the truck;
 - general supplies include light bulbs, etc. also required
- It was noted that the department receives several requests from previous town residents seeking to purchase burial sites. The Commission has added a 50% surcharge to prior residents vs. local residents to accommodate the requests;

-future expansion plans include adding a section on the "knoll" specifically for cremations, allowing 3 per lot.

The Board of Health, Dr. Barbara Roth-Schechter, presented the budget. The BOH budget has dropped substantially due to the discontinuation of The Outreach Program. Sherborn discontinued their participation and since Dover cannot just service Dover students at the Regional School the program has been removed from the budget.

The Lyme Disease Committee is seeking \$5,000 to assist with the development of their program which has been on a volunteer basis up until now. The program covers 200 acres and has harvested 19 deer (16 doe and 3 bucks) in 2010. There have been no problems noted, no complaints and no accidents. The two agents, Mr. Junta and Mr. Palmer have volunteered their time to help develop the program and the BOH would like to pay each agent \$500. The two agents have been responsible for screening the 31 bow hunters for certification and experience. All candidates were also interviewed by the BOH, received background checks, provided 3 IDs (one on their person, in car, and on stand). The program is expected to expand into The Trustees of Reservation, ConCom and Hale. Surrounding towns such as Medfield and Westwood are watching the progress. A study by a Tufts professor (and intern) will quantify the tick density and impact of this program. The BOH is planning to hold another forum to educate attendees on lyme disease.

Discussion regarding the December 13th BOH meeting.

Discussion regarding the Regional School Committee Tuesday, January 14 meeting.

The Planning Board budget was presented. No members were present. The Planning Board budget has a 2.3% employee increase. The overall increase is 3.4% covering expenses, salary, longevity and professional services.

Minutes of December 15, 2010, Mr. Smith moved to approve, Mr. Waugh seconded, all approved, 7-0-1 (Mr.Melville absent).

Minutes of January 15, 2011, Mr. Smith moved to approve, Ms. Argle seconded, all approved, 7-0-1 (Mr. Melville absent).

Further discussion:

Ford Spalding withdrew request from Capital Budget re:Minuteman.

Dedham Street Sidewalk will be combined with Dedham Street project.

Springdale sidewalk withdrawn.

Selectman meeting with Dover Sherborn Region and Sherborn Selectman regarding Waste Water Treatment to discuss funding.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Approved January 26, 2011.