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SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 9, 2011

Minutes of an Executive Session

The executive session convened at 4:33pm in Ray's office.

Present: John Ward, Randy Crochier, and Ann Banash, Selectboard members; Ray Purington, Administrative Assistant

Ray reported that earlier this year Sergeant Redmond missed 2+ weeks of time to recover from a medical procedure. It was a paid absence using accrued sick time, and most of his shifts were covered by part-time officers. The Sergeant is now out on leave following the birth of his child, and this leave is also paid using accrued sick time. Ray was unsure whether a Family Medical Leave was either requested by the Sergeant or assigned by the Town.


Shift coverage for this second leave is also being filled by part-time officers. The additional shifts have left the Police Department budget just about out of money after accounting for full-time salaries and routine necessary expenses (gasoline, cell phones, etc.) Chief Hastings has asked the Board to determine the level of police coverage they want during the remaining 8 weeks of the fiscal year, and to identify funds that can be used to supplement the department's budget. The Chief has indicated that roughly \$10,000 is needed to provide coverage at the same level as before the Sergeant went on leave. The Chief is also going to ask the Sergeant if he will be able to return to a 4-hour per day shift as soon as next week, which would lower the amount of extra part-time shifts needed.

The Board had a general discussion of the pros and cons of the amount of police coverage being recommended by the Chief – about 16 hours per day. The Board also discussed the differences in the two types of leaves that have happened. One, a medical-related absence, could not have been foreseen, nor planned for earlier in the year when more money remained in the department budget. The family leave was known a number of months in advance, and some part-time shift schedules could have been altered then in order to lessen the budget shortfall now.

Ray noted that the NMH Gift Account has \$4,766 in it. A number of lines in the FY11 omnibus budget also have money remaining. There seemed to be consensus that for now, it would be appropriate to allow the Police Department to access \$4,000 in NMH Gift Account funds. The Board will revisit the issue in several weeks and consider then if additional funds or line item transfers are needed. The vote on the \$4,000 will be taken in open session.

Ann made a motion, seconded by Randy, to adjourn the executive session. A roll call vote was taken: Ann – aye; Randy – aye; John – aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The executive session was adjourned at 4:50pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ray Purington, Administrative Assistant.


Randy Crochier, Selectboard Clerk

Minutes reviewed and released 8/1/11.

Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard

From: Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard [administrator@gillmass.org]
Sent: Friday, May 06, 2011 9:49 AM
To: 'Ann Banash'
Subject: RE: PD budget FY11

Here are some possibilities:

SB Expense - \$500, maybe \$750
Admin Expense - \$300
Reserve Fund - \$1,500
Town Hall/RMB - \$1,500 - \$2,000
Prop. Insurance - \$500
FRCOG - \$2,380

From: Ann Banash [mailto:ahbanash@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, May 06, 2011 6:49 AM
To: Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard
Subject: Re: PD budget FY11

Could you identify some areas in the FY11 budget that could be transferred. I saw a couple - the FRCOG assessment was lower, the Highway truck body was less and maybe you can come up with some more. I don't think we'll be able to do everything David wants, but I'd like to come up with at least half or more.

On Thu, May 5, 2011 at 5:16 PM, Ray Purington/Gill Selectboard <administrator@gillmass.org> wrote:

Ann, you can add \$797 to the figures that David gave you this morning. The gasoline bill came in this afternoon's mail.

The NMH gift account has \$4,766 in it.

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