

Board of Selectmen's Meeting
Thursday, January 17, 2008
Dennis Town Hall, Hearing Room
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Attendees: Board of Selectmen: Jane Otis, Heidi Schadt, Sheryl McMahon and Paul McCormick. Town Administrator Robert Canevazzi, Assistant Town Administrator Sandra Fife and Wendy Pells Recording Secretary. Finance Committee: Michael Brennan, William Crowell, James Plath and Robert Prall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

REVIEW OF VEHICLE USE POLICY

Jane Otis reviewed what department heads and staff take home Town owned vehicles. She mentioned that Brian Florence, the Building Commissioner, takes a vehicle home, as he may be called out during the evening or on weekends.

(Selectman Charles Crowell joined the meeting at 5:50 PM)

Paul McCormick stated that there should be a log for the Town Hall vehicle.

Jane Otis stated that the Building Dept., Beach Dept., and Natural Resource Dept. are not necessarily public safety.

Brian Florence stated that the Building Dept. is public safety. Often it is his dept. that makes the call to the Fire & Police Dept.

Brian Malone, Dir. of Natural Resources, replied to Jane Otis that the Conservation Office is open 24/7. Natural Resources are frequently called out to assist the Fire Dept. or Police Dept. They also assist the Harbormasters office.

Golf Budget (640)

Golf Dir. Michael Cummings and Asst. Golf Director, Bryon Boone presented the Golf Dept. budget.

Mike Cummings stated that there is a request for an additional \$1,500 from line item 52400 repairs and maintenance.

Sheryl McMahon mentioned that the Town has made significant upgrades to both restaurants.

Mike Cummings mentioned that his request is for replacement of carpet and chairs. The equipment at the Highlands is very old.

Sheryl McMahon asked if the seasonal help will be eligible for unemployment.

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Bryon Boone stated that the employees would be eligible for unemployment. However, the health benefits would be eliminated whereby saving the Town money. Bryon added that the Pro- Shop manager position will be eliminated and a seasonal Pro-Shop Clerk position will be added.

Jim Plath asked who will be responsible for the Pro-Shop now.

Bryon Boone stated that the Golf Pro and the Assistant Golf Pro are responsible.

Bob Prall stated that the Town may want to consider eliminating the Pro- Shop as it hasn't done well in the past.

Bryon Boone stated that he would like to give the re-organization a try first.

Michael Brennan stated that he recently reviewed the Purchase & Loss statement. He requested that Bryon Boone to work with Sandra Fife and Mary Anne Gibbs because the picture is probably better that what is indicated.

Jim Plath stated that the Town is still paying the gas meter- costs and for the trash pick-up at the restaurants.

Eric Oman stated that the Pines Club pays for their own trash pick-up. The cost to run a separate gas line was estimated at \$22,000.00. Eric Oman mentioned that this is something the Town will need to look at when they begin renovations.

Motion:

Sheryl McMahan moved tentative approval of budget (640) in the amount of \$1,724,733 Paul McCormick seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 3-0-0. The motion was carried.

Jim Plath asked for an update on the status of the restaurant contracts.

Robert Canevazzi stated that he met with the operator of the Pines Club. She stated that she is ready to pay \$15,000 immediately. She has not paid on a monthly basis as she had enormous up front cost.

Sheryl McMahan mentioned that the Board will need to step back and take a look at what our expectations are in terms of profitability from those concessions.

COA (541, 548)

Paula Dolan Pare, Director of the Dennis Senior Center presented the budget. Paula stated that this is a bare bones budget. Paula Dolan Pare' provided the Board of Selectmen with a packet of information concerning the Yarmouth rental bus. She also

mentioned that the balance in the gift fund account is \$5,749.22. The balance in the Revolving Account is \$23,384.59. Paula stated that the Yarmouth bus arrangement has been in place since January 1997.

Sheryl McMahon mentioned that the hourly reimbursement from Yarmouth to pay for the bus driver should be increased to cover the cost of the full time benefits.

Motion:

Heidi Schadt moved tentative approval of budget 541 in the amount of \$173,415.00. Paul McCormick seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0. The motion was carried.

Committee on Disabilities (548)

Motion:

Heidi Schadt moved tentative approval of budget 548 in the amount of \$3,525.00. Paul McCormick seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0. The motion was carried.

Harbormaster (295)

Terry Clen provided a brief overview of the assets within the harbor. Terry Clen stated that 390 pilings need maintenance. The Town needs to adopt a maintenance program to replace the pilings at Sesuit Harbor, Uncle Freeman's and Bass River. Terry Clen also mentioned that the Town should make repairs to the docks at Sesuit Harbor. Terry Clen also mentioned that the slip fees generated \$456,743.00 in revenue for the Town. He also requested an additional \$1,500.00 for employee training. The staff also needs safety gear in the amount of \$2,862.00.

Sheryl McMahon stated that she would support some funding for training.

Motion:

Heidi Schadt moved tentative approval of budget (295) in the amount of \$235,984.00. Paul McCormick seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0. The motion was carried.

Police Department (210)

Police Chief Michael Whalen presented the budget. He stated that the Patrol Officers are ready for contract negotiations. Chief Whalen also reviewed the following service cuts with a level limit budget: 200 hours reduced from the beach & bike patrol unit and 40 hours reduced from the school liaison officer.

Chief Whalen mentioned that there is an additional \$300.00 request for additional purchase of services. Also, there are no additional requests for staff or services. Chief

Whalen mentioned that new cruisers are on the Capital Plan for replacement. This is part of the ongoing replacement rotation plan. Chief Whalen added that the Town does not have a surplus of cars. The Police department has six cars, plus one additional for traffic control. Chief Whalen explained that uniforms, film and photo supplies have been reduced by \$1,800.00 and shifted into line item 100210 to fund the school liaison.

Motion:

Sheryl McMahon moved tentative approval of budget (210) in the amount of \$4,765,000.00. Paul McCormick seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0. The motion was carried.

Animal Control (292)

Police Chief Michael Whalen requested the Selectmen consider establishing an account for donations to the Animal Control Dept.

Motion:

Heidi Schadt moved to create an account for donation to the Animal Control Department. Sheryl McMahon seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0. The motion was carried.

Motion:

Paul McCormick moved tentative approval of budget (292) in the amount of \$94,926.00. Heidi Schadt seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0. The motion was carried.

Motion:

Heidi Schadt moved to adjourn from public meeting in order to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing non-union contracts. Paul McCormick seconded. Jane Otis "AYE", Charles Crowell "AYE", Paul McCormick "AYE", Sheryl McMahon "AYE" and Heidi Schadt "AYE" The Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0. The motion was carried.