



Selectmen's Meeting Summary September 21, 2011

Selectman Ken Ross-Raymond, Chair	Present
Selectwoman Karen Sheldon	Present
Selectman Pete Ballou	Present
Town Administrator Margaret Warren	Present
Administrative Assistant Kathie Downes	Present

Visitors: see sign in sheet attached with original summary on file.

Chairman Ross-Raymond called meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Meeting is being recorded.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

- September 7, 2011 public & non-public sessions - **Selectman Ballou motioned to accept the meeting summaries as written, Selectwoman Sheldon seconded. All voted in favor.**
- Review Accounts Payable & Payroll registers - **Select board motioned to accept.**

Department Heads:

Fire Chief Gilman – monthly update:

- August 17th – to date there were a total of 16 calls - 7 ambulance EMS; 4 wires down (not related to hurricane) and 5 related to hurricane Irene. Preplanning make dealing with Hurricane Irene easier – had coverage from 8 AM – 3 PM. Selectmen noted that coverage was well planned and executed and a big thank you to all the volunteers who manned the station.
- Last night Salisbury hosted the Central NH Fire Wardens Association monthly dinner meeting. Dinner was served and the Association recognized Dennis Patten for 45 years of service.
- Saturday, September 17th the department went to the Fire Academy for a day of training.
- During the 6 month inspection of vehicles – found the rescue vehicle needs repair work on turbo – estimate between \$500 - \$1000.
- January 2013 radios will need to be rebanded. Looking at cost estimates and if have funds in 2011 would like to do it this year.
- Two police vehicles have issues – Tahoe brake line let go and Cruiser has an electrical draw and has to be jumped each time.
- Also reminder to Selectmen that the Fire Department meets the first and third Mondays.

Chairman Ross-Raymond related the Board received a letter regarding concerns of Salisbury and Webster sharing police coverage. We are looking at various options for Salisbury and no decisions have been made to date. Reached out to neighboring communities and Merrimack County Sheriff Dept for thoughts re: contracted services. Also will be interviewing a candidate referred by LGC. We are reviewing all our options before making a decision.

Webster Selectmen (George Cummings, Bruce Johnson) & Police Chief (Robert Dupuis). In to discuss a police coverage by Webster Police Department for Town of Salisbury. Selectmen from Webster stressed they do not have a final proposal but this is just beginning stages of what could be offered – should both towns agree. Need to review expectations of each town. Chief Dupuis noted his thoughts are when Webster is on duty – and doing patrols in Webster would do a patrol through Salisbury on a shift; as well as handle calls from dispatch for Salisbury when on duty. Looking at Salisbury’s police budget he took total and divided by 12 – making it \$5000 per month. Thinking that for a test period to provide coverage on a month by month basis. Discussion about dispatch costs and vehicles to be used. Need to look at exactly what Salisbury is looking for to work up cost proposal.

Ken Ross-Raymond related that for Salisbury Police Budget – total is \$60,000 – but breakdown for officers is \$35,000 – break out being 32 hrs for part time chief and 8 hours for officer. With remaining budget broken down for dispatch, fuel, repairs, etc. Back several years ago we contracted with Merrimack County Sheriff for police coverage at \$60,000 for coverage – will have to check for break down of actual coverage – which worked for town at the time.

If a contact is proposed – it would have to be voted on by both towns at their town meetings probably on a yearly basis.

Both boards discussed having a meeting with the Chief of Police for Temple / Greenville. Chief Dupuis will contact him to schedule for November 2nd at 7 PM at Salisbury BOS meeting. Once this is scheduled a letter of invite will be sent to Andover and Boscawen.

Old Business:

- Meeting Updates
 - Currier and Ives – Selectwoman Sheldon was unable to attend due to conflict but Mary Phillips and Paul Martin attended meeting on 9/12. Paul Martin will continue as a member. Currier & Ives Web page is up.
 - Shared Services – Joint towns met on September 8th. Two guest speakers and summary of the meeting is posted on town website. Next full meeting scheduled for January 12th at the Andover Town Office.
 - Budget Committee – Met September 12th with department heads requesting they hold the budgets to same or lower than last year. Will begin individual department head discussions November 14th meeting.
 - Recreation Committee – met Sunday – review for proposing 2012 budget and they plan to hold same as last year. Are moving ahead with well testing. Instead of contracting for the fence work they plan to get volunteer help and

will do fence work to keep under \$1000. Committee also request Selectmen to have the ball field mowed up to October 1st.

- Peter Ladd – Pingree Bridge Truss – 1 year extension requested – Administrator Warren will clarify with DOT.

- Follow up – Ambulance Billing: Administrator Warren will contact EMS Captain to set up meeting.

New Business:

- FYI – MVSBS Special District Meeting – October 6th. Public Hearing on proposed reductions was held Monday September 19th. \$850,000 plus decrease proposed.
- CIP – Selectmen: chart reviewed and updated – Administrator Warren will forward to Planning Board for October 3rd meeting.
- Selectman Ross-Raymond wants to discuss volunteer appreciation at the next meeting.

Public Comments: None

Other: All business that shall legally come before the Board

Selectman Ballou made motion to adjourn at 7:55 PM; Selectwoman Sheldon seconded. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathie Downes
Municipal Office Assistant

Meeting Summary reviewed and accepted at the October 5, 2011 Meeting.

Selectmen, Town of Salisbury