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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, September 30, 2008

7:30 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

PRESENT: J. Philip Gallagher, Chairman, William Britt, James Roden, Kevin Riley, William Slifkin, and Gary Regan. Also in attendance was the Board of Selectmen and William Hagan, Town Attorney.

Joint Session with the Board of Selectmen

J. Philip Gallagher called the Special Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Consideration of request for funding support for the Stony Hill Fire Department – Emergency Medical Service

Ken Parciasepe, Chief of the Stony Hill Volunteer Fire Department was present at tonight's meeting. He presented a cost estimate of the operating expenses associated with having paid staff. They anticipate having paid staff 12 hours a day/7 days a week; they will look to supplement paid staff with volunteers when possible. On average, they get around 400 calls. SHFD (like BFD) will begin billing for ambulance calls. They anticipate a shortfall between the cost of staffing and their typical call volume. It is anticipated that it will take 60-90 days to begin receiving revenue from the billing.

William Slifkin made a motion, which was seconded by Kevin Riley, to approve the Board of Selectmen recommendation to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$100,000 to be funded from the unreserved undesignated fund balance for the purpose of partial funding of the Basic Life Service (ambulance) for the Stony Hill Volunteer Fire Department. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

The Board of Selectmen had established a Special Town Meeting date of Wednesday, October 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in Meeting Room "A" of the Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center.

Consideration of Capital Request Items

Town Engineer Andrew Morosky and Asst. Public Works Director Robert Dibble were present to answer questions on the requested capital items. Discussion took place regarding the equipment being purchased to replace the current fleet. Mr. Dibble advised that the 42,000 dump truck replaces a 1984 vehicle.

Town Engineer Andrew Morosky explained that the \$16,000 for the sidewalk survey is for easements associated with the Safe Routes for Schools program; the town was approved for a \$250,000 grant.

William Slifkin made a motion, which was seconded by Kevin Riley, to approve the recommendation from the Board of Selectmen to fund the purchase of (1) 42,000 GVW Dump Truck \$136,000, (2) 6 cubic yard Dump Bodies \$72,000, (2) Trip Edge plows \$ 17,000, Phase II North Wing Window Replacement \$90,000 and Sidewalk Rehabilitation Survey \$16,000 from the Capital Non-recurring Account. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. Total funding appropriation for consideration is \$331,000. The Capital Non-recurring Account has an available balance of 332,978.

The Board of Selectmen had established a Special Town Meeting date of Wednesday, October 15, 2008 for these items.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, William Slifkin made a motion, which was seconded by William Britt, to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary