

SELECTMEN'S MEETING – December 20, 2010

Present: Richard Bielefield, John J. Strasser, Margo Connors (via teleconference call)
Jennifer Gaudette

Guests: Nick DeMayo, Jane McIlwaine

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

JANE MCILWAINE met with the Selectmen to discuss the recent rise in the tax rate. She would like the board to send a letter out to taxpayers explaining why there was an increase. The Selectmen discussed the various warrant articles voted on at the 2010 Town Meeting and also discussed the State School Tax. The Selectmen gave Mrs. McIlwaine information on the Coalition so that she could read about the work they are doing in regard to donor communities. The Selectmen also discussed the future need for work and or replacement of the Streeter Pond Bridge and the need to put funds in the bridge Capital Reserve Fund to qualify for State Bridge aid. Ms. Connors thought that perhaps the end of year Selectmen's Report could be done earlier and made available to the public as a hand out and also on the town website.

The Selectmen signed the Intermunicipal Agreement for the provision of Prosecutorial Services. The cost will remain the same as 2010 at \$2,000.

The Selectmen approved the use of the Crapo Building for the Pine Hill Singers on Wednesday mornings in 2011.

The Selectmen approved the Richardson Memorial Library to use the Crapo Building for the Children's Program, "Learn about Horses". January 3,10,17,24 & 31.

The Selectmen discussed the request from North Country Chamber Players to use the Meetinghouse in January and February for concerts. The Selectmen would like the building to remain closed in January and not have the additional costs associated with heat and electric for an event. Ms. Connors will contact the NCCP and discuss their request.

NICK DE MAYO also questioned the tax increases and felt the need to get the information out to the taxpayers. Mr. DeMayo asked about the possibility of having Channel 2 broadcast the Selectmen's meeting. Discussion followed on how many residents have Cable TV and receive Channel 2. Mr. DeMayo also asked about the current contract for fuel oil and if the town had considered the Energy Alliance for a cheaper rate. Mr. DeMayo also asked if the Selectmen could work with Easton and Franconia when bidding the fuel products. Mr. DeMayo thought that with a larger volume they could create some leverage on the pricing.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to accept the minutes of December 13, 2010, seconded by MR. STRASSER. The motion was approved unanimously.

MR. STRASSER made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 PM, seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD. The next regular scheduled meeting will be on Monday, December 27, 2010 at the Carolina Crapo Building at 6:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer P. Gaudette
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