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Selectmen Morning
AM Work Meeting
1/2/2020
Approved Minutes

Present: Selectmen Louise Lavoie, Pete McGinnity, Charles Moser; Kathy Wile, Wally Brown, Brenda Wiley

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM by Chair Louise Lavoie.

New Business:

- Budget for Cemetery Dept was looked over, and it was agreed to keep it level funded for 2020.
- Budget for General Government Buildings was next to be considered. Brenda explained the auditors had asked that wages for maintenance be broken out of the repairs and maintenance line. Discussion on projects ongoing at Schoolhouse and Town Hall, and projected needs for Mann House and PD. A goal of getting the schoolhouse “buttoned up” by the year’s end was agreed upon, and \$5000 added for window replacements to line 6007-05. Revised estimate for roofing work including trim replacement and shingling covered largely by the grant, was reviewed and approved. Siding is already on hand and will be done by Wally. Town Hall work will not be started this year due to timing of engineering study, but including the cost of an engineering study for roof repairs should be included as a warrant article.
- Budget for Parks and Recreation was next. Wally said that the Mason and Wilton men’s softball teams both use the ballfield as their home field, both have mentioned making a donation to maintenance but he hasn’t seen anything yet. Field must be mowed whether it is used or not, nice to see the use. Brenda again said wages are being split out differently per request of auditors. Wally said the Recreation Committee will be just him going forward, hoping to keep events going and get a new crew of parents to keep it going. Agreed to go forward with budget as proposed.
- In general conversation, Wally asked about the possibility of using a town owned vehicle for his work, instead of his own. He gave a brief history of how things have worked over the years. Discussed talking with Dave about having him share use of

one of the pickups, they can work out the details.

Other general conversation about help for Wally, specifically for winter maintenance of building access. Did he need more help, or could the HD plow person assigned here be asked to open pathways as well? Wally felt that at this time he is set, not enough work in winter months especially to hire another person. Wally left the meeting at this point.

- Joined at meeting by Police Chief Kevin Maxwell, and new officer Ryan Gallagher whose family came as well. He was introduced to all selectmen, who then signed his appointment papers. Chair Louise Lavoie then swore him in; his first day will be Monday, January 6.
- Additional conversation to follow up on engineering contract revision (no additional information), maintenance to be scheduled for backhoe, culvert pipes that have been contracted, copies of incident reports requested for vehicles towed during storms, and the additional support cost for advanced security approved, to be added to monthly support line for Microtime services.

Adjourned: There being no further business, Charlie motioned to adjourn, second from Louise. Three votes to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Wile
Administrative Assistant