



FINAL

**WEARE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
January 30, 2012**

PRESENT: Thomas Clow, Chairman; Richard Butt, Vice-Chairman; Keith Lacasse, Selectman; Lee Marcroft, Selectman;.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Naomi Bolton, Town Administrator

GUESTS: Chief Greg Begin; Tim Redmond, Public Works Director.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clow at 7:00 PM.

II. NON-PUBLIC SESSION:

Chairman Clow moved to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) at 7:01 PM; Selectman Lacasse seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Selectman Marcroft – yes; Vice Chairman Butt – yes; Chairman Clow – yes; Selectman Lacasse – yes.

Chairman Clow moved to come out of non-public session at 7:10 PM. Selectman Lacasse seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Selectman Marcroft – yes; Vice Chairman Butt – yes; Chairman Clow – yes; Selectman Lacasse – yes.

The Board discussed a personnel issue with the Director of Public Works.

III. 2012 BUDGET DISCUSSION:

The Board and Chief Begin discussed the 2012 Police Department proposed budget. Last week the Finance Committee met with the Selectmen and discussed some areas of concern with regard to the budget. The overtime in the police was discussed as well as the money for computer expenses seemed to be in both the operating budget as well as in the special article #19. The Chief stated that he could reduce the operating budget overtime line by approximately \$20,000 and would still be fine. The reason for offering this now is not just to get the Finance Committee on board. He is as of today back to full staff. There was some question as to whether one of the officers was going to return after the maternity leave, but everyone is back today. Therefore the reduction in \$20,000 would be fine. The computer expense was looked at and the Board and the Chief agreed that we could reduce the operating budget by \$7,200 if the computer article,

article 19 passes. The last item discussed was the cruiser article. The Finance Committee is not recommending it. The Board suggested zeroing it out and if there is enough money from details in the special revenue account the board could authorize a second purchase. The board took a vote and it was agreed upon that this article #17 would be zeroed out at deliberative session.

III. K-9 FUNDS:

Chief Begin stated that he had a brief discussion with Jan Snyder, Treasurer regarding the funds left in the donation fund for the K-9. The holder of the fund would like to turn it over to the Town. Chief Begin stated that we could do it possibly as a special revenue fund and pay for some of the K-9 needs now. In order to take over the fund a public hearing needs to be held. A public hearing will be scheduled at a later time once all the town meeting stuff is taken care of.

IV. OTHER WARRANT ARTICLES FOR DELIBERATIVE:

Article 20 – employee retirement article is not being recommended. The Board discussed reducing it to \$7,500 from \$15,000 in an effort to put something back into the account. The board agreed and will make that amendment on the floor at deliberative session.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the board the board, Selectman Lacasse moved to adjourn at 8:35 PM; Selectmen Marcroft seconded the motion, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Naomi L. Bolton
Town Administrator