

Board of Selectmen February 21, 2012

Board Members Present: Selectmen Crichton, Murphy

Others: TM Trefethen, FD Canney, and 10 members of the General Public

BOARD PRESENTLY LACKS A QUORUM SO NO DECISIONS HAVE BEEN REACHED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Ron Long wished to have the Board members weigh in on his request to hold a pot-luck supper and he provided to the selectmen a written letter with regard to ownership of surplus furniture.

Resident Ken Raines inquired about the present street lights and how traffic is backing up in Berwick with the change in the timing of the lights.

Resident Jodie Wright she felt that she was excited about the direction of town affairs.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT PAYABLE WARRANTS

No Action

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Selectmen Crichton mentioned his work with the Idle Land Committee and the Community Center Committee and the volunteer efforts being made to shape up the Multi-Purpose Room for re-use by the town.

BUSINESS

Review of Administration Budget: Staff modified the retirement budget line to reflect a reduction of \$4,846 as a result of Surplus Funding still remaining with Maine State Retirement. This change brings the budget request down to \$507,038 which is \$1,813 less than last year's request.

The Membership also will review the Solid Waste and General Expense Budget on Tuesday February 28, 2012 @ 6:30PM.

Discussion on the establishment of a Budget Committee: Board members discussed if the Committee should be elected or appointed and the Town Manager shared with them the State requirements if they are created by Town Meeting Vote (recommendation of the Budget Committee must appear on the Warrant). They also discussed the makeup of the committee in terms of membership. Many questions remain but the Selectmen decided to table any further discussion until a full membership is available to discuss.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Ken Poirier mentioned his opinion on Tax Bills.

Resident Bart Haley asked if a Candidates night would be held. (Note Selectmen Murphy indicated one will be held by the American Legion and is scheduled for March 21, 2012.

ADJOURMENT

Meeting came to an end at 7:35PM