

**Town of Auburn
Board of Selectmen
January 5, 2015**

Selectmen Present: Russell Sullivan, James Headd & Richard Eaton

Also Present: Bruce Phillips, Fire Chief; Mike DiPietro, Mike & Linda Dross, John & Mary Ann Rolfe, Michael Rolfe, Dennis & Pauline Vieira; Frances McFarland, Greg Santuccio, Scott & Karen Norris and Tom Gonyea, Residents; Ray Pelton, Police Lieutenant; William Herman, Town Administrator; Kathryn Lafond, Recording Secretary

Mr. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Accounts Payable for Week of January 5th, 2015

Mr. Eaton moved to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest in the amount of \$863,421.84 for the week of December 15th, 2014; Mr. Headd seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda – Week of January 5th, 2015

Abatement Applications

Carl A Kresqe, 47 Bunker Hill Road (Tax Map 8, Lot 58-1) – Abatement granted resulting in a revised assessment of \$239,200

Gary & Virginia Fernald, 72 Winchester Way (Tax Map 2, Lot 9-10) – Abatement granted resulting in a revised assessment of \$413,800

JMJ Properties, Chester Road and Lovers Lane (Tax map 8, Lots 2 & 2-2) – Land Use Change Tax Abatement Denied

Application for Property Tax Credit / Veterans Credit

Kathleen & Scott Swanson, 15 Orchard Street (Tax Map 22, Lot 10)

Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber

Harland Eaton, 213 Eaton Hill Road (Tax Map 8, Lot 15)

Void Check Manifest

J.A. Bourque & Sons, Inc. - \$658.00

Pistol/Revolver License

Four (4)

Mr. Headd moved to approve the Consent Agenda for the week of January 5, 2015; Mr. Eaton seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Fire Department Forestry Vehicle Proposed Warrant Article

The Board reviewed the proposed Warrant Article and the provided cost breakdown for the vehicle, supplies and equipment. Mr. Sullivan read the proposed Warrant Article aloud.

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-two thousand, two-hundred and ninety-three dollars (\$42,293) to purchase and equip a new replacement forestry truck for the Auburn Fire Department.”

Chief Phillips indicated that another option would be fund a portion or the full cost out of the fund balance so not to affect the tax rate. Mr. Eaton asked if any grants were available to help fund the vehicle. Chief Phillips indicated that the town was already awarded funds the skid unit. Mr. Headd asked what the pay schedule would be like. Chief Phillips stated that this is an outright purchase. Mr. Headd verified that results in a one time charge to the tax rate. Chief Phillips replied that is correct. Mr. Sullivan commented that the Board has dipped into the fund balance a little too much in the last few years so he is not in favor of doing so this time. Mr. Eaton and Mr. Headd agreed. Chief Phillips informed the Board that the Fire Department will be outfitting the vehicle with all the equipment themselves for a substantial savings; it will likely be a two month project.

Mr. Headd moved to recommend the proposed warrant article for a new replacement forestry truck as presented; Mr. Eaton seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Old/Other Business

The Board reviewed the Fire Department apparatus replacement program. Mr. Sullivan indicated that the Planning Board is going to be looking at the Capital Improvements Plan; this is good information for them.

Mr. Sullivan asked Road Agent Dross about the road side clean up. Mr. Dross replied that it is sufficient for now, there is still some to do come spring.

Mrs. Norris asked when the Deliberative Session is. Mr. Herman stated January 31st.

Minutes

December 18th, 2014

Mr. Eaton moved to approve the minutes of the December 18th, 2014 public meeting; Mr. Headd seconded the motion; All were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

December 15th, 2014

Mr. Eaton moved to approve the minutes of the December 15th, 2014 public meeting; Mr. Headd seconded the motion; All were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

December 15th, 2014 Non-public (x2)

Mr. Eaton moved to approve the minutes of the December 15th, 2014 Non-public meeting (x2); Mr. Headd seconded the motion; All were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

December 8th, 2014 Non-public (x3)

Mr. Eaton moved to approve the minutes of the December 8th, 2014 Non-public meeting (x3); Mr. Headd seconded the motion; All were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Non-Public Session

Mr. Eaton moved to enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A 3, II (e) Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation; Mr. Headd seconded the motion; A roll call vote was taken; Mr. Headd – yes, Mr. Eaton – yes, Mr. Sullivan – yes. The motion passed.

Meeting in Non-Public Session with the Selectmen was Town Administrator Herman and Secretary Lafond.

Mr. Eaton moved to exit Non-Public Session; Mr. Headd seconded the motion; A roll call vote was taken; Mr. Headd – yes, Mr. Eaton – yes, Mr. Sullivan – yes. The motion passed.

Mr. Eaton moved to seal the Non-Public meeting minutes; Mr. Headd seconded the motion; All were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Headd moved to adjourn; Mr. Eaton seconded the motion; all were in favor, the public meeting ended at 8:21 p.m.