



Selectmen Staff Meeting 10/8/2019
Approved Minutes

Present: Selectmen Louise Lavoie, Pete McGinnity; Kathy Wile, Kevin Maxwell, Brenda Wiley available in office. Joined by Charles Moser, Wally Brown.

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:07 AM by Chair Louise Lavoie.

New Business:

Chief Maxwell began to talk about budget planning for next year, asking that his salary be considered for an increase. He cited accomplishments as chief including improved coverage/consistency of employees, establishing the cruiser reserve fund, greater training opportunities/interaction with neighboring departments, and good rapport with the school and other town departments.

Second budget question regarding the charge to line 6012-33. Brenda reported that it was for a software package, and should have been included in the "migration" of all department IT costs to the new general town IT line item. Short additional discussion on the need for a solid capital improvement plan which includes IT related items.

Chief is not anticipating and warrant article requests other than the cruiser reserve fund.

Georgia Stone Quarry was the next topic, and the possible donation of a specialized concrete structure which could house a training facility. Discussion included the public/private dynamic, following zoning/planning procedures

Personnel was the final topic. Chief is happy with his current force, and looks forward to adding an additional officer when the right candidate is found. Recruitment is competitive state wide, but Mason is getting a reputation as a department that values its employees and their dedication. Hopefully that will help!

Wally Brown stepped up to talk about his buildings budget. The proposal for an engineering plan for drainage improvements to the Town Hall was quoted at \$7000, which Wally hoped to take from his current budget line Of 6007-05. It would then be possible to have received bids on the project, and have an accurate number to put in a warrant article for the work to be done in 2020, and not put it out another year.

Selectmen agreed it was a good idea to get it done, the other projects to be taken out of that line total less than \$1000, and approved the engineering study be started asap.

In other items, selectmen asked that Wally begin replacement of light bulbs in all town building with LED's as they need replacement, and to look at light fixtures in the Library. Wally will get a copy of the lighting audit proposal obtained by the Energy Commission.

Selectmen also noted that the buildings and grounds all were looking good.

Adjourned: There being no further business, Louise motioned to adjourn, second from Charlie. Three votes to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Wile
Administrative Assistant