

# SELECTMEN'S MEETING

October 15, 2012

Executive Board Attending: David Upton, Susan Hansel, Maury Collins, Edie Drinkwater, Admin. Assist.

Others Attending: Richard Pratt, Police Chief

Chair David Upton opened the meeting at 5:20 PM.

The main agenda item was review and preparation of the Police Budget for the coming year.

A proposal was presented from Allan Treadwell outlining the cost of equipment upgrades and service of the internet technology for the Police Department. Close review of this proposal lead to many questions as there was no line item cost detail in the proposal. It contained a complete package outline but only a total cost. The Board agreed that a more itemized cost detail was required before final consideration. Edie will contact Allan with a request for more cost detail

Next there was a discussion regarding how much additional patrol time should be added to the Budget for enforcement of speed limits.

David noted that this year's budget would not support any added patrols or enforcement so this area should be considered carefully by Chief Pratt when calculating a proposed budget. An increase would be expected in this area. Various calculations were used to come up with an estimate. More work will be done on this.

Salary review is also an area to be considered as most area Towns are paying Police Officers at a higher rate of pay than Nelson. Chief Pratt will get more details on these numbers for compensation consideration.

Trial numbers that were discussed will be entered into the Budget Format and reviewed at another meeting with the Police Chief.

The Board decided to meet with each department head in this manner. The more detailed budgets will require at least two meetings. There will also be discussion of compensation considerations which will be discussed in Non-Public sessions as is allowed by RSA 91-A.

There was discussion regarding the next departments to present for Budget review. It was decided that Next Monday October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 PM was an agreeable time for the Board. The Planning Board, Zoning Board and Conservation Commission will be asked to present. Because the budgets are much smaller and less detailed all three will be scheduled for the same evening. Edie will contact Eric Sandberg, Rich Popovic, and Bud French to confirm these meetings.

The Highway and Fire Departments will require more time and detail so they will be scheduled one per evening.

With nothing further, Maury made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Susan seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by unanimous vote of 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

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David Upton, Chair

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Maury Collins

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Susan Hansel