

# TOWN of OAKHAM

## *Board of Selectmen*

### REGULAR SESSION

March 21, 2011

#### **Present:**

*Clayton E. Rice, Chairman*

*Eliot G. Starbard, Vice Chairman*

*Dennis M. Bergin Jr., Clerk*

Lucy Tessnau, Werner Tessnau, Paul Rochette, Police Chief, Frederick Gehring, Kevin Currier, Highway Superintendent, and Ellie Downer, Reporting

#### **Recording:** Catherine Amidio

Mr. Rice called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

#### **Landfill Mowing**

Mr. Starbard asked Mr. Currier if it would be feasible to purchase a brush hog from the same place the Kubota was purchased. Mr. Currier said he has already looked into this and they were not for sale. Mr. Currier agreed to mow the landfill once a year, preferably in the fall.

#### **250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee**

Member Jeffrey Young was present at the meeting to update the board on the progress of the committee. Mr. Young asked the board if they've decided where the tree should be planted, Mr. Starbard said they have not.

Mr. Young asked if there was a spare mailbox they could use; Catherine Amidio said there was one available.

Mr. Young inquired about the cost of police coverage for the anniversary date. Mr. Starbard said it is typically offered free of charge for certain town events.

Mr. Young asked if they could use the upstairs to hold a play. Mr. Rice said there was an accessibility issue. Mr. Starbard said there was also a problem with the stairs to the emergency exit. The board asked the administrative assistant to send an email to the building inspector and the fire chief.

#### **Police Department Standby Pay**

Mr. Starbard wanted to make it clear that the standby pay for a police officer on call is mandatory according to the Fair Labor Standard Act. According to town counsel, standby pay is necessary in order to have control over response time.

#### **Motions**

- Mr. Bergin made a motion to approve the **minutes** of **March 7, 2011** as written Mr. Starbard seconded, motion carries. Mr. Rice abstained.
- Mr. Bergin made a motion to approve a **line item transfer** for the police department. Mr. Rice seconded, motion carries.

#### **Misc.**

Lucy Tessnau informed the board, that Jesse Ayres has been hired by the council on aging.

**Motion to Adjourn**

Mr. Bergin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00p.m. Mr. Rice seconded, motion carries.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the board of selectmen will be held on March 28, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.