

# **TOWN of OAKHAM**

## *Board of Selectmen*

### **REGULAR SESSION**

**March 7, 2011**

#### **Present:**

*Clayton E. Rice, Chairman (absent)*

*Eliot G. Starbard, Vice Chairman*

*Dennis M. Bergin Jr., Clerk*

Lucy Tessnau, Werner Tessnau, Bruce Ware, Lisa Taylor, Paul Rochette, Edna Holloway, Fire Chief, Thomas McCaffrey, Sharon LoRicco, Thomas Hughes, Phil Warbasse, Sherry Bergin, Donna Couture, Police Chief, Frederick Gehring and Ellie Downer, Reporting

**Recording:** Catherine Amidio

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

#### **Library**

Sharon LoRicco said they have been working with Parks & Recreation on the Ball Roll.

#### **Emergency Management Director**

Thomas Hughes informed the board that he has obtained a free Solar Sign Board for the town. Retail price would run around \$14,000. Mr. Hughes is also hoping to obtain a light tower free of charge.

Mr. Hughes has been working close with MEMA in regards to the water problems caused by the excessive rain over the weekend. Mr. Hughes said the highway department should keep track of their overtime hours, just in case the town is eligible for reimbursement.

#### **Fire Department**

Fire Chief, Thomas McCaffrey informed the board that two members of the fire department has been making progress on webpage and it is up and running.

#### **Veterans Service Agent**

Bruce Ware informed the board that the town is assisting one veteran in town. He has exhausted his funds and finance is working on replenishing the funds, in order to cover the next payment, providing the individual meets all requirements.

#### **Planning Board**

Phil Warbasse said the planning board still has some ongoing issues with Evolve Wellness Center that are being addressed.

#### **Senior Center/Council on Aging**

Lucy Tessnau informed the selectboard that the council on aging had to close today due to some minor flooding.

Mrs. Tessnau informed the board that the council on aging is looking to replace Susan Denesha because she has accepted another position within the company.

Mrs. Tessnau said she has been speaking with the sheriff's department about painting the walls in the senior center, as well as replacing some of the flooring.

### **Conservation Commission**

Member Lucy Tessnau told the board that the two new members of the conservation commission have been attending classes for mandatory training.

### **Police Department**

Police Chief, Frederick Gehring gave the following update:

The new officers have been learning the ropes of the department.

The police department responded to a blocked culvert on lower East Hill Road.

The 2 mechanisms on the garage doors are not repairable and need to be replaced. The chief received two quotes with the lowest being \$850 each, including installation.

James Albano also mentioned the O-Rings on the roof of the police department are leaking. According to Mr. Starbard, this is the original roof that dates back to the 1970's. Mr. Starbard said he would take a look at the condition of the roof before doing any repairs.

### **Board of Health**

Adrian Ayer inquired about the mowing of the town landfill. He said the law mandates the landfill be mowed at least once per year to prevent the growth of saplings. The selectmen agreed to wait until the next meeting to make a decision, so that Mr. Rice and Kevin Currier, highway superintendent, could be present to discuss.

### **Motions**

- Mr. Bergin made a motion to approve the **minutes of February 28, 2011** with one correction (date). Mr. Starbard seconded, motion carries.
- Mr. Bergin made a motion to appoint Catherine Amidio as a member of the **Board of Registrars** until June 30, 2011. Mr. Starbard seconded, motion carries.

### **Misc.**

The board and the town accountant prepared the motions for the special town meeting.

The selectmen notified the town clerk that a ballot is needed for the vacant position on the Pathfinder Regional School District Committee.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

Mr. Bergin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43p.m. Mr. Starbard seconded, motion carries.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the board of selectmen will be held on March 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.