

TOWN of OAKHAM

Board of Selectmen

REGULAR SESSION

October 4, 2010

Present:

Clayton E. Rice, Chairman (ABSENT)

Eliot G. Starbard, Vice Chairman

Dennis M. Bergin Jr., Clerk

Laura Pease, ACO

Finance Committee

Chief Haapakoski

Gary Spring, NEPBA

Off. Chris Sherblom

Jeff Howard

Dan Lucks

Sharon Loricco

Susan Turnbull

Recording: Catherine Amidio

Mr. Starbard called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

Police Staffing Levels

FinCom member Donna Sands informed the board of selectmen that the Finance Committee has met with Chief Haapakoski on several occasions to discuss current staffing levels of the police department. Ms. Sands also informed the selectmen that fincom voted unanimously to hire another fulltime officer. The officer would work at least 32 hours per week and be entitled to full benefits.

Chief Haapakoski submitted a breakdown of cost and informed the selectmen that he has five part-time officers, but two will be leaving this month.

Mr. Bergin asked the finance committee to submit a Budget Comparison to the Selectmen as to where the money will be coming from to pay for another fulltime officer.

Misc.

Laura Pease, Animal Control Officer attended the meeting in response to a complaint from a concerned citizen that wild animals are being hit with vehicles on Maple Street. Ms. Pease would like to remind the public not to feed wild animals.

Motions

- Mr. Bergin made a motion to sign the November 2nd **Election Warrant**. Mr. Starbard seconded, motion carries.
- Mr. Bergin made a motion to sign a **Petition for Waiver** of Full Municipal Appropriation Requirement for Fobes Memorial Library. Mr. Starbard seconded, motion carries.
- Mr. Starbard made a motion to accept the **Minutes of September 20, 2010** as written. Mr. Bergin seconded, motion carries.
- Mr. Bergin made a motion to sign a **Thank you Letter**. Mr. Starbard seconded, motion carries.
- Mr. Bergin made a motion to sign a letter regarding the **Oakham Center Roof Project**. Mr. Starbard seconded, motion carries.

Motion to Adjourn

Mr. Bergin made a motion to enter into executive session at 8:18 p.m. for exception #3. Mr. Starbard seconded, motion carries. A roll call vote was taken, Mr. Starbard voted yes and Mr. Bergin voted yes. The regular meeting will not reconvene following the executive session.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the board of selectmen will be October 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.