

# TOWN of OAKHAM

## *Board of Selectmen*

February 22, 2010

### **Board of Selectmen present:**

Dennis M. Bergin Jr., Chairman

Clayton E. Rice, Vice Chairman (arrived at 6:37 p.m.)

Eliot G. Starbard, Clerk

### **Also present:**

Ellie Downer

Lucy Tessnau

William Burnett

Carol Poole

Chris & Glenn Mardirosian

Chief Haapakoski

Christopher Sherblom

James Albano

Arthur O'Connell

Thomas McCaffrey

### **Recording:** Catherine Amidio

Mr. Bergin called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

### **School Bus Route**

Glenn & Chris Mardirosian of 1420 N. Brookfield Road voiced their concerns to the Board of Selectmen and asked William Burnett, Support Services Manager for the Q.R.S.D. why their child would have to walk .6 miles to the corner of Lincoln & N. Brookfield Road to board the bus. Up until now the bus has been picking up and dropping off at their house. The Mardirosians went on to explain there is an issue with safety because N. Brookfield road is a main road and there are no sidewalks.

### **Police K-9 Program**

The Board informed Chief Haapakoski and Officer O'Connell that they have received several complaints since the program has been active, selectmen voted unanimously to suspend the K-9 Program. The Chief and Mr. O'Connell were also instructed to turn in the license plates on the K-9 Cruiser tomorrow morning.

The Board also voted to authorize Mr. Bergin to consult with Town Counsel concerning Personnel discipline.

The Board scheduled a meeting which will be held in executive session on March 1, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. The Administrative Assistant drafted a letter to the parties involved.

### **Motions**

- Mr. Rice made a motion to sign an **Emergency Preparedness Partnership Grant** application. Mr. Starbard seconded, motion carries.
- Mr. Rice made a motion to remove the **K-9 Cruiser**, Plate 453-F from service. Mr. Bergin seconded, motion carries.
- Mr. Rice made a motion to suspend **K-9 Diesel** from the Police Department. Mr. Starbard seconded, motion carries.
- Mr. Bergin made a motion to sign a **\$2,000 Line Item Transfer** from the town hall heating account to the building maintenance account. Mr. Rice seconded, motion carries.

- Mr. Starbard made a motion to accept the **Minutes of February 8, 2010** as written. Mr. Rice seconded, motion carries.

### **Miscellaneous**

- ◆ The Board voted to have Mr. Starbard contact Town Counsel regarding the Police Chief's contract.
- ◆ There was a written complaint from the Fire Chief regarding Officer Sherblom's behavior during a car accident. Fire Chief McCaffrey agreed to meet with Chief Haapakoski and Officer Sherblom to discuss.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

Mr. Bergin made a motion to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Mr. Rice seconded, motion carries.

### **Next Meeting**

The next Board of Selectmen's meeting will be held on March 01, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.