

# **TOWN of OAKHAM**

## *Board of Selectmen*

### **REGULAR SESSION**

**April 04, 2011**

#### **Present:**

*Clayton E. Rice, Chairman (left at 8:32 p.m.)*

*Eliot G. Starbard, Vice Chairman*

*Dennis M. Bergin Jr., Clerk (arrived at 7:35 p.m.)*

Lucy Tessnau, Werner Tessnau, Paul Rochette, Chris Mardarosion, Steven Labarre, Thomas Hughes, Lee Tavares, Lisa Taylor, Thomas McCaffrey, Sharon Loricco, Susan Turnbull, Kevin Currier, Highway Superintendent, Jon Boucher, Lisa Hubacz, Donna Sands and Ellie Downer, Reporting

**Recording:** Catherine Amidio

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

#### **QRSD School Committee Member**

Steven Labarre said he met with Finance to discuss the QRSD FY 2012 budget. Mr. Labarre voiced his concerns regarding the budget.

#### **Highway Department**

Highway Superintendent Kevin Currier informed the board that he has submitted a Snow Declaration to MEMA on March 30, 2011. Mr. Currier is also concerned that Barre & Rutland are using our kennels to house stray dogs. Mr. Currier feels the Town should be compensated by both towns. The board took the matter under advisement.

#### **Planning Board**

Thomas Hughes informed the BOS that the planning board has been drafting a by-law for wind towers.

#### **Library**

Sharon Loricco said she attended web training for the Town of Oakham website. Ms. Loricco said she will be updating the site from time to time with information from the library.

#### **Fire Department**

Fire Chief Thomas McCaffrey said the department has applied for an \$80,000 Fire Assistance Grant. If the grant is awarded, it would be used to purchase new fire gear.

The Chief also stated his department's budget is running low, especially salaries, vehicle repairs and equipment.

Mr. McCaffrey received an anonymous letter stating someone is allegedly burning building materials around wetlands. He said he has investigated, but has not found any indication of illegal burning.

Mr. McCaffrey said the fire department received a thank you letter from a person involved in a motor vehicle accident. The letter was also addressed to the Police Chief.

### Finance Committee

Chair Donna Sands informed the board that they have been working on the FY2012 budget.

### Council on Aging

Lucy Tessnau reported the COA has entered into a Triad agreement with the fire and police departments. Now seniors in town qualifying seniors to have free number signs through the Worcester County Sherriff's department. They also offer free 911cell phone for the seniors, including training. Citizens in town are urged to turn in their old cell phones which will be used for this purpose. Used cell phones may be dropped off at the town hall.

### Conservation Commission

Lucy Tessnau said the conservation commission also received an anonymous complaint about stacking building materials in wetlands. She said because it involves wetlands it cannot be ignored. Conservation will ask the owner if they can do a site visit.

### Motions

- Mr. Rice made a motion to appoint Lee Tavares as a member of the **Westbrick Schoolhouse Committee**. Mr. Starbard seconded, motion carries.
- Mr. Bergin made a motion to approve the following **summer hours** for the highway department. Monday – Thursday from 6:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Mr. Bergin made a motion to approve the **minutes of March 21, 2011** with one change. Mr. Rice seconded, motion carries
- Mr. Starbard made a motion to approve the **minutes of March 28, 2011** with one change. Mr. Rice seconded, motion carries. Mr. Bergin abstained.
- Mr. Bergin made a motion to approve a **line item transfer** for the police department. Mr. Rice seconded, motion carries.
- Mr. Bergin made a motion to appoint Donna Couture as the **temporary Administrative Assistant** until further notice. Mr. Rice seconded, motion carries.

### Misc.

The town received a letter from the office of the Governor for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts stating that in FY 2012 the town is to receive \$188, 781 in Chapter 90 money.

The Annual Town Meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 25, 2011, providing the school and the moderator are available and if not, June 1, 2011 would be an alternate date.

### Motion to Adjourn

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

### Next Meeting

The next meeting of the board of selectmen will be held on April 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.