

# **TOWN of OAKHAM**

*Board of Selectmen*

## **REGULAR SESSION**

**May 23, 2011**

### **Present:**

*Eliot G. Starbard, Chairman*

*Dennis M. Bergin Jr., Vice Chairman*

*William A. Storie, Clerk*

**Recording:** Donna Couture

Eliot called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm

### **Police Department - Appointments**

Chief Gehring presented the board with a letter requesting the following appointments:

- Mr. Matthew Piscitelli be appointed to a part-time officer, moving from his current reserve officer status.
- Mr. Michael J Morrison, Sr be appointed as a part-time officer
- Pamela Schiltz be appointed as a reserve officer
- Christopher Blood, as a special officer.

Chief Gehring explained Mr. Piscitelli is ready to be moved up, and Ms. Schiltz was previously employed by the town, and left in good standing. Resumes for Mr. Morrison and Mr. Blood were included.

A motion was made by Eliot to appoint as requested by Chief Gehring, seconded by Dennis and voted all in favor.

### **Discussions**

- Ray Duffy was present to discuss the ownership of the Snack Shack at Wright Field. He was recently contacted by the Board of Health regarding this shack. He explained current conditions of the shack are unsanitary making it unusable as a snack shack. Paul Rochette offered to clean the shack and report back to the board. Use by the fire department for training purposes was discussed. A determination as to its usefulness will be made after the clean-up.
- Eliot requested further review of the town's acceptance of Chapter 41 Section 111M after reading concerns that surfaced in the Town of Rutland. Donna will request Chief McCaffrey report to the board at a future meeting.
- Eliot discussed the need to review the town's by-laws to ensure all updates have been made.

### **Correspondences**

- Parks and Recreation sent an invitation for the Board to participate in the Memorial Day activities.
- Charter Communications sent their annual \$2,500 grant funds which will be used in connection with any local Cable Access expenses.

### **Signatures**

- The board signed a letter addressed to Colonel Marian McGovern, Superintendent of the State Police thanking the State Police for their assistance in a recent break and entering.
- At the request of Emergency Management Director, Tom Hughes, the board signed a Standard Contract Form for the pending \$2,500 State Grant.

### **Annual Town Meeting Motions**

The board reviewed motions that will be presented at the Annual Town Meeting. A discussion was held as to the Police Department's requested Fiscal 2012 Budget. Chief Gehring explained he would work with a \$10,000 cut in Wages, if necessary and agreed the Employee Benefit line item can be decreased by \$10,300.

It was decided the motion for Article 20, will reflect lowering the Police Wage account by \$10,000 and the Employee Benefit account by \$10,300.

Final motions will be prepared by Donna and forwarded to the Town Clerk and moderator, after confirmation is made on free cash uses, and the amount Kevin Currier is requesting for the Light Duty Dump truck lease payment.

### **Minutes**

Dennis made a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of May 11, 2011, as written. Eliot seconded, Bill abstained, voted all in favor. Dennis made a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of May 18, 2011 as written. Eliot seconded, voted all in favor.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

Eliot made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30p.m. Dennis seconded, voted all in favor.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the board of selectmen will be held on June 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.