

Board of Selectmen Minutes

February 28, 2012

PM: This time is what works best for the committee members. Wants time later. This is still only an information meeting.

Citizen: Can we request copies of the meeting?

Answer: Yes

Citizen: Can we still get an article on the town warrant for the grant?

PM: Yes, we cannot get an extension on the last date to hold the meeting.

Citizen: When did we decide to start working on regionalization?

PM: 3 weeks ago. We did not know about the grant until then and this is why it was not known before then.

Citizen: Where does the source of the grant money come from?

PM: Verizon, it on your phone bill.

Citizen: Why is Townsend not Ashburnham called for backup on Ambulance Calls.

DB: We have an agreement with Townsend and they have the advantage of Paramedics.

Question: Is this reversible if it doesn't work out.

PM: No

Question: How will the Police Chief's position work?

PM: It will be a communications committee.

Question: Cost of regionalization

DB: \$360,000.

Slides were shown by Doug Briggs to compare costs. What upgrades would cost Ashby for what needs to be done and what we would save by regionalization with Ashburnham. He explained how working with Ashburnham will benefit both towns.

Citizen: No matter what happens the town needs to get the people out of the "hell hole" in the back of Town Hall.

Reimbursement from Ice Storm has been received and they are looking to move monies into free cash.

4) Motion to approve and sign on Memo to Board of Assessors to Release Excess Overlay.

Motion: Dan Meunier

Seconded: Joe Casey

Vote: Unan

Any other business not reasonably anticipated by the Chairman:

Doug Briggs would like a reserve fund transfer for the Animal Control Officer.

5) Motion to approve and sign on a Reserve Fund Transfer to the Animal Control Account for the purpose of care and feeding of stray animals which has increased due to people moving and leaving there pets.

Motion: Dan Meunier

Seconded: Joe Casey

Vote: Unan

Doug Briggs requested that we open up the warrant to put an article on in regard to school feasibility study to examine the feasibility of improvements or building of a new high school.

6) Motion to open the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Motion: Dan Meunier

Seconded: Joe Casey

Vote: Unan

