

TOWN of OAKHAM

Board of Selectmen

REGULAR SESSION

February 07, 2011

Present:

Clayton E. Rice, Chairman (left at 7:50 p.m.)

Eliot G. Starbard, Vice Chairman

Dennis M. Bergin Jr., Clerk (arrived at 7:05 p.m.)

Lucy Tessnau, Werner Tessnau, Chief Fred Gehring, Ellie Downer, Barre Gazette, Edna Holloway, Paul Rochette, Susan Turnbull, Sharon LoRicco, Thomas Hughes and Jeffrey Young

Recording: Catherine Amidio

Mr. Rice called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Motions

- Mr. Starbard made a motion to approve the **minutes of January 31, 2011** as written. Mr. Rice seconded, motion carries.
- Mr. Starbard made a motion to **transfer \$2,180.00** from the Police Departments overtime account to the part-time salary account. Mr. Bergin seconded, motion carries.

250th Anniversary Committee

Jeff Young updated the board on the progress the committee has been making. The following activities are tentatively planned throughout the year of 2012.

- ✚ New Years Eve kickoff
- ✚ Dinner & Dance
- ✚ Historical Walk
- ✚ Play
- ✚ Fireworks
- ✚ Arbor Day Tree Planting ceremony

Fobes Memorial Library

- Susan Turnbull asked the board if Maple Street could be closed from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Parks & Recreation and the Friends of the Library will be hosting a Ball roll on April 30, 2011, with a raindate of May 1, 2011. The board granted permission to close Maple Street for the Ball roll.
- Sharon LoRicco said the waiver of certification was approved by Library Commission.

Emergency Management Director

- Thomas Hughes, Emergency Management Director for the Town of Oakham, explained to the board that he has been having weekly conference calls with MEMA. Mr. Hughes is still working with FEMA on obtaining a free Electronic Message Board for the town.

Planning Board

Planning Board member Thomas Hughes said the board has been working on some ongoing issues. The board is also working on a sign by-law.

Police Department

- Chief Frederick Gehring informed the board that he is still trying to obtain an SUV for the police department, free of charge.
- Chief Gehring discussed enforcing the snow plowing by-law. The chief asked if a number could be assigned to the by-law to make it easier to write citations. The by-law prohibits residents from leaving wind-rows of snow across the roads in town. Mr. Rice explained that residents were given an initial warning and on the second offense the resident will be fined \$100.00 for each occurrence.

Town Treasurer

- Edna Holloway informed the board that she has received reimbursement of \$380,615 to date for the school roof project. Mrs. Holloway said the Town of Oakham will be responsible for approximately \$204,000.

Misc.

The board discussed sanding of the parking lot of the town hall especially for church on Sunday. Rev. Russ Arnold said he is willing to pay for an independent contractor to sand on Sundays. The bos will talk to the highway superintendent about sanding for Sunday Mass.

The board briefly discussed combining the positions of town collector and treasurer.

Motion to Adjourn

Mr. Starbard made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Mr. Bergin seconded, motion carries.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the board of selectmen will be held on February 11, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.