

TOWN of OAKHAM

Board of Selectmen

REGULAR SESSION

November 29, 2010

Present:

Clayton E. Rice, Chairman (Absent)
Eliot G. Starbard, Vice Chairman
Dennis M. Bergin Jr., Clerk

Lucy Tessnau, Paul Rochette, Chief Fred Gehring, Donna Sands, Jon Boucher, Sherry Bergin, Ellie Downer, Barre Gazette

Recording: Catherine Amidio

Mr. Starbard called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Motions

- Mr. Bergin made a motion to open the **Warrant** for the December 13, 2010 Special Town Meeting at 7:07 p.m. and close the warrant at 7:08 p.m. Mr. Starbard seconded, motion carries.
- Mr. Bergin made a motion to sign the following **(4) Liquor License renewals**, Oakham Pine Acres, Pine Acres Lodge, Golfers Tavern and Bradford S. Taylor. Mr. Starbard seconded, motion carries.
- Mr. Bergin made a motion to sign the **Warrant** for the December 13, 2010 Special Town Meeting. Mr. Starbard seconded, motion carries.
- Mr. Bergin made a motion to approve the **Minutes of November 12 & 22, 2010** with one correction on the minutes of November 12, 2010. Mr. Starbard seconded, motion carries.
- Mr. Bergin made a motion to sign **2 thank you letters** for the interim police chief applicants. Mr. Starbard seconded, motion carries.

Misc.

- Finance Chair Donna Sands and member Jon Boucher met with the board to discuss the upcoming special town meeting. Donna Sands asked if the board could appoint a matron for the police department without first posting the position. Mr. Bergin said they would hold off on the appointment and seek the opinion of town counsel. Ms. Sands also asked how the town was going to pay the fulltime officer minimum wage to be on call five nights a week. Mr. Bergin said there is enough money in the overtime account to cover at least a month.
- Mr. Bergin explained that the interim chief will be paid a salary based on 20 hours per week. Interim chief Gehring said he will concentrate on police coverage and the administrative duties of the police department. Mr. Gehring also informed the board that he worked an average of 35 hours per week in the past 2 weeks. Fred Gehring informed the board that all shifts are being covered. The chief also informed the board that the 1999 Ford Crown Victoria has a rusted frame and torque box and is not repairable. He also explained that there is a possibility of obtaining an SUV for the police department free of cost. Mr. Gehring presented the board with an inventory list of former chief Haapakoski town owned supplies.

- The board of selectmen asked the administrative assistant to send an email to police, fire, highway and the finance committee urging them to attend selectmen meetings the first Monday of every month in order to keep all departments communicating and informed.

Motion to Adjourn

Mr. Bergin made a motion to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. Mr. Starbard seconded, motion carries.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the board of selectmen will be held on December 06, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.