

TOWN of OAKHAM

Board of Selectmen

REGULAR SESSION

October 18, 2010

Present:

Clayton E. Rice, Chairman

Eliot G. Starbard, Vice Chairman

Dennis M. Bergin Jr., Clerk

Finance Committee

Chief Haapakoski

Off. Chris Sherblom

Jeff Howard

Susan Turnbull

Lucy Tessnau

Mike Paluso

Donna Couture, Town Accountant

Ellie Downer, Reporter

Recording: Catherine Amidio

Mr. Rice called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm

FY 2010 Yearend Financial Statements

Town Accountant, Donna Couture said that local receipts are up primarily due to MDC PILOT money and state revenue was slightly more than anticipated. However, motor vehicle excise taxes are down and new growth has also decreased.

Full-time police officer

The finance committee asked the board if they had made a decision regarding the hiring of a second full time officer. The board of selectmen told the finance committee that they felt they were overstepping their bounds and that the hiring of a police officer is up to the board of selectmen not the finance committee.

Mr. Rice informed finance that he had not yet had a chance to review the materials presented to the board at the October 4, 2010 meeting. Mr. Rice explained he was not present at the last meeting; therefore he needed time to review the materials before discussing any further. The board said they would be prepared to discuss again in two weeks.

McAfee Property

Michael Paluso of 81 Bechan Road provided the board with a list of concerns he has with an abutter located at 909 North Brookfield Road. According to Mr. Paluso, Evolve is being run more like an entertainment center than a wellness center. Mr. Paluso handed the board some literature on Evolve which he asked them to review.

Misc.

Police Chief, Donald Haapakoski said he has a list of four applicants interested in working part-time on the police department. The selectmen scheduled a meeting for next Monday, October 25, 2010 in order to meet with the applicants.

Motions

- Mr. Rice made a motion to take under advisement, the discussion of hiring a **second fulltime officer** for the Police Department. Mr. Starbard seconded, motion carries.
- Mr. Starbard made a motion to sign a Change Order for a refund of \$22,150 for the **Oakham Center School Roof project**. Mr. Rice seconded, motion carries.
- Mr. Starbard made a motion to accept the **Minutes of October 4, 2010 (Regular & Executive Session)** as written. Mr. Bergin seconded, motion carries.
- Mr. Bergin made a motion to sign a letter of support to the Department of Conservation & Recreation on behalf of **Wachusett Greenways**. Mr. Starbard seconded, motion carries.
- Mr. Bergin made a motion to appoint Mike Russ as an **alternate Plumbing Inspector** until 06/30/11. Mr. Rice seconded, motion carries.

Motion to Adjourn

Mr. Bergin made a motion to adjourn at 9:04 p.m. Mr. Starbard seconded, motion carries.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the board of selectmen will be October 25, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.