

Special Board of Selectmen Meeting
Saturday, February 4, 2006; Town Hall
Revised

Meeting called to order at 10:14 a.m. Present were J. McLaughlin, M. Boord, R. Primus Edwards, S. Wright, and M. French.

Agenda approval was moved by M. Boord and seconded by R. Primus Edwards. All aye.

S. Wright presented the budgets for line item numbers 4030, 4031, and 4032. For 4030, S. Wright reported that DVAC is sharing cost with DVFC for physicals. The current budget includes recertification fees for 13 DVAC members and cleaning supplies for the facility. The cleaning supplies are needed because the facility appears to be cleaned infrequently by the town custodian. In order to reduce trash service costs, it was agreed that the Board of Selectmen would assess the cost of using a service versus the town Public Works Crew.

M. Boord moved and R. Primus Edwards seconded the approval for 4030 (\$29,696.00). All aye.

Scott reviewed capital expenditures that would be needed in the future. These expenditures included an additional ambulance (~\$150K) and 2 Public Access Defibrillators (~\$2K/piece), 1 for the library and 1 for Town Hall.

Budget line items 4031 and 4032 were held until more research is conducted. Regarding 4031, S. Wright will provide a break-down of the maintenance and licensing costs for the Public Safety Records Management System. For line item 4032, S. Wright will research the cost to tie the Public Works Department into the town-wide radio communications system.

M. French presented the Tax Collector's budget (1020). This budget will be held until the completion of the salary survey. M. French will also provide information on his request for conference attendance. M. Boord questioned M. French's request for additional hours (from 35 to 40 hours per week). She noted that other Durham Tax Collector's reported they weren't always busy. She also noted that she thought there would be even less work due to the efforts of the contracted collection agency for motor vehicle delinquent tax payments. M. French responded that he is not familiar with the activity of previous Tax Collector's, but that his office is plenty busy (as well as receiving calls at home) and that it should be open during the same hours as the other

Town Hall offices. He stated in his opinion that collection of delinquent taxes requires an enormous amount of time using the methods available within the town's resources, which is why delinquent tax payment collection has not been a priority by previous administrations and required the services of an outside agency. The work done by the collection agency does not relieve his office of work.

The purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss a personnel matter and all 3 Board members attended. M. Boord moved and R. Primus Edwards seconded to go to Executive Session at 12:00 noon. All aye.

R. Primus Edwards moved and M. Boord seconded to come out of Executive Session at 12:50 p.m. All aye.

R. Primus Edwards moved and M. Boord seconded to adjourn. All aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Primus Edwards