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**Board of Public Works Regular Meeting
Monday, December 13, 2010 at 7:00 PM
Public Works Garage**

Members present: Chairman Sean Walsh, Vice-Chairman Wayne Finkle, Secretary Stephen Cochran, John Putorti (7:30), Sean Walsh

Members not present: Karl Trybus

Others present: Robert Koskelowski, Jr., Mike Laban, Dennis Rozum, Craig Stevens

- Sean Walsh opened the meeting at 7:00 PM

ITEM #1: Salute to the flag

ITEM #2: Approve minutes of regular meeting on November 8, 2010

→ Motion to approve minutes of November 8, 2010 meeting without alteration.

Motion: Wayne Finkle **Second:** Stephen Cochran

Vote- Yes: 3, No: 0, Abstain: 0

ITEM #3: Public comment

→ No comments were made.

ITEM #4: Correspondence

→ Rozum presented the Board with a letter from Joyce Vallone, 12 Karlak Street, thanking the Public Works Department for their prompt response to her request for curbing around her property.

→ Walsh mentioned that the condition of the clay infields at town parks, particularly French Park, was discussed at a recent Board of Selectmen meeting. Rozum and Stevens stated that they are aware of the issue and are working on a solution during the off season. Finkle noted that there is a field in Waterbury near the DMV with a grayish stone infield that seems to hold up well. Rozum will look into what material is used on that field.

ITEM #5: Financial update/ ITEM #6: 2010-2011 budget discussion

→ Rozum presented the Board with a 2010-2011 budget worksheet and noted that the town will be putting together a capital improvement program. Rozum stated that his submission was based on the

five year plan he submitted last year, which included one big truck this year and two smaller trucks the following year. Walsh asked if there was any small equipment needed by the department. Rozum said that he applied for reimbursement money for such equipment (25 net horsepower and under) through the DEP's pollution control green exchange program and was waiting to hear back. The Board resolved to revisit the topic of capital purchases at next month's meeting.

→The Board also discussed the possibility of splitting the purchasing of an aluminum welder with another town department, such as the Board of Education, to repair soccer goals. The welder would cost approximately \$1,800.

→ The Board also discussed purchasing a diagnostic scanner to help with vehicle maintenance. A scanner that is compatible with heavy trucks would cost approximately \$5,000 and the cost might be split with another town department.

→ Rozum stated that he would like to see the tree account increased to \$20,000. The account started off with \$16,000 this year. He noted that a smaller, neighboring town began this year with \$30,000 in their tree account and recently requested additional funding.

→ Rozum also mentioned that he looked into a steel sidewinder body for an older Ford. The body would cost between \$30,000 and \$45,000 and would extend the life of the truck by about 8-10 years. He already got two estimates and will also get estimates from Universal Welders in Watertown and Truck Builders in Torrington.

→ Rozum then raised concerns regarding the transfer station budget, which is tight considering drainage work needs to be done, and the tub grinder is aging. The Board also discussed adding another man at the transfer station for safety reasons, but it is too late to do so this year.

→The snow removal account was also discussed. The Board requested \$150,000 for this account last year – a figure based on an average expense for the three prior years – but only received \$90,000. This year the Board is requesting \$140,000. Walsh advised Rozum to bring justification in the form of a five year expense average.

→ The oil and gasoline accounts were also discussed. The gasoline account started at \$70,000 this year. The Board noted that with inflation gas prices continually rise and recommended increasing this account's starting balance by 3% to \$72,100.

ITEM #7: Vehicle update

→Rozum informed the Board that all vehicles were running and ready for snow and that he ordered 10 plow blades. No work was subbed out.

ITEM #8: Transfer station update

→ Rozum stated that the compost pile was turned over, tub grinding was completed, and the drainage problem is being worked on.

ITEM #9: Work performance update

→Rozum presented the Board with a list of work performed over the past month. He noted that the question of whom is responsible for snow plowing at Chatfield School during the construction has been resolved – per contract the town is responsible for plowing.

ITEM #10: Approve transfers (if necessary)

→ No transfers were deemed necessary at this time.

ITEM #11: Executive session (if necessary)

→ Executive session was not deemed necessary at this time.

ITEM #12: Other business

→ Rozum stated that the cost to add another camera outside the Public Works Garage to deter sand/salt theft would be \$1,500.

→ Walsh asked if the request for quotes for snow removal was placed in the paper. Rozum said that the Board of Selectmen declined to use subcontractors for snow plowing.

→ Walsh noted that state mandates are changing and will now require a semiannual check of employees' driver's licenses.

ITEM #13: Adjourn

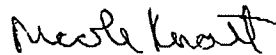
→ Motion to adjourn at 9:00 PM

Motion: John Putorti

Second: Stephen Cochran

Vote: Yes-4, No: 0, Abstain: 0

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole Knott