Selectmen Discussion and Decisions
February 6, 2014

Selectmen present: Tom Hohn, John Norton, and Marie Harmon

1. Met with tenant concerning town owned rental property.

   Selectmen met with a tenant to resolve unpaid rent. The tenant has claimed credit from a previous "work-for-rent" agreement, which expired on July 1, 2013. Selectmen investigated and determined that the work done was not covered under the "work for rent" agreement for the year in question.

   The tenant expressed that they would no longer be using the space.

2. Met with Curt Murley, IT Specialist, concerning developing a computer network for the Town with remote access availability.

   In order to develop this system, the Town will need to invest in an improved internet connection for Town Hall, an upgraded server, and IT support for a time at which Curt would no longer be able to provide it.

   Also discussed Cloud backup for data.

   Action: Curt will research the costs for the improved system.

3. Met with the VFW Committee to discuss the VFW Budget.

   The proposed 2015 budget reflects fewer expenditures and less income overall. Income for the 2014 fiscal year is $2,100 and will likely remain as such for the remainder of the year. The VFW budget originally included $5,500 in expected revenue.

   The VFW also received a $12,000 donation from Jeff Hedge in a new heating system.

   This spring, the VFW will use the approved $7000 (CIP) for improved windows. Upcoming CIPs for the VFW include improved handicap accessibility.

   Discussed charging for memorials services. It was agreed that the VFW Hall should be available for memorials services for any Long Island resident who was a veteran at no cost.

   Discussed planning going forward to both delineate and promote rentals for the VFW Hall and the Community Center in such a way that they two do not compete with each other for income. It was suggested to hold a meeting with representatives from the VFW Committee and the Recreation Committee or holding focus group meetings with other residents to begin the process of planning the use for these buildings and developing cooperative policies.

Discussed using the VFW Hall for Recreation Department programming during the summer. The VFW Committee was agreeable to mid-week programs using the Hall as needed however the pottery program needs more discussion. In order for the kiln to be used at the Hall, the Hall will need to have an electrical upgrade for at least one outlet and it will put a premium on space. It was suggested that the Town could purchase a shed for the pottery kiln for use at the VFW Hall after which the VFW Committee could use the shed for additional storage when the Community Center renovations are done. Further discussion is needed.

Action: Island Fellow will contact Towanda Brown, pottery instructor.

Erin Crowley – Deputy Minute Recorder