Selectmen's Discussions and Decisions
March 27, 2014

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

1. Discussed upcoming public hearing on the Community Center Revitalization Project on Mar. 29, 2014.

   Updates from Tuesday's meeting with the CCRP and members of the public.

   Cost estimates currently limit what can be done with the $600,000 limit set by the Town Meeting warrant. With the $600,000 cap, the building would be able to have heat or insulation in the community room or a finished kitchen.

2. Discussed budget for FY15

   The Finance Committee feels prepared for the public hearing April, 5th.

3. Discussed billing from L&L, the architectural firm working on the Community Center project.

   Costs exceeded estimates by $1000, reflecting more work done in order to make the plans meet building codes.

4. Update on Fire Chief pay

5. Met with Michael Johnson concerning the Wreck Cove Management Plan.

   The Plan describes the management goals for the Wreck Cove Conservation Area, as outlined in the conservation easement with Oceanside Conservation Trust. The Plan will be appended to the easement and to be signed by Oceanside Conservation Trust and the Board of Selectmen.

   Recommendations for an annual management and a possible trail system included.

   Action: Michael Johnson will bring a formal proposal for a trail system to the Board of Selectmen.

6. Selectmen Norton made a motion to appoint election clerks from the list provided by the Town Clerk.

   2nd by Selectmen Harmon
   3-0 motion passed

7. Discussed the process for the appointment of a new Fire Chief.

It is the Selectmen's responsibility to appoint the municipal Fire Chief.

The Board wants input from the Department and discussed forming an advisory committee composed of representatives of the Board of Selectmen as well as from the Fire Department. This committee would review potential new Fire Chiefs and then make recommendations back to the Board of Selectmen for appointment.

This gives the Town and the Department the unique opportunity to set the qualifications as well as the process for selecting and appointing a Fire Chief, a position that has changed significantly over the 20 years that the Town of Long Island has existed. Specifically, looking for an individual who would be willing and able to take on the responsibilities and time commitment to be a Chief.

The Selectmen have discussed the mutual aid relationship with Falmouth with Chief Rice. Falmouth very much wants to maintain the current relationship with the Long Island Fire and Rescue and have offered to meet with the Selectmen and Fire Department to help with the selection process.

It is most important to find a candidate who wants to be the Chief, everything else can be taught.

Municipal Resources, Inc. has provided training for new municipal Fire Chiefs to "bring them up to speed" for other municipalities and would be able to offer the same service to Long Island if requested.

8. Selectmen discussed the location for Town Meeting, May 10, 2014.

   Town Meeting will either be held at the Community Center or the VFW Hall.

   Currently, the Community Center is in no worse, or better, condition than it usually is at this time of year. Alternatively, to use the VFW Hall, we would need to rent a handicap accessible ramp to be ADA compliant for Town Meeting.

9. Selectman Norton made a motion to accept the resignation of Barbara Johnson as Recreation Department Director, as of June 30, 2014.

   2nd by Selectman Harmon
   3-0 motion passed.

10. Selectman Norton made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

    2nd by Selectman Harmon
    3-0 motion passed.

Erin Crowley – Deputy Minute Recorder