ITEM #1: Salute to the flag

ITEM #2: Approve minutes of February 23, 2011 Special Meeting

Motion: Wayne Finkle Second: Stephen Cochran
Vote- Yes: 4, No: 0, Abstain: 1 (Karl Trybus)

ITEM #3: Public comment

None.

ITEM #4: Financial update

Rozum stated that the town is eligible for reimbursement for snow removal through FEMA. He is unsure of the percentage of reimbursement, but he did submit a bid that included downtown snow cleanup. The reimbursement would first go through town’s general fund and then transfer to the department’s accounts.

Rozum also stated that the gas account is awaiting reimbursement from other town departments.

Walsh presented a five-year capital plan. The plan was discussed at last month’s meeting as a means of replacing the department’s aging equipment and vehicles.

Finkle and Walsh presented the plan to the First Selectman. The plan was then brought before the Board of Selectmen, who voted to include one truck at a cost of $160,000 in the budget to be brought before the Board of Finance. Thursday of last week Finkle and Walsh attended a capital workshop to present the five-year plan.

Walsh reviewed the town’s new capital budget expenditure request worksheet as it pertains to the department’s five-year capital plan.

Walsh corrected a statement he made during discussion of item #6 at last month’s meeting. At that time Walsh stated that a $50,000 line item for capital purchases existed. The line item no longer exists.
Rozum commended Finkle and Walsh for the effort they put into preparing and presenting the department’s five-year capital plan. Cochran seconded the statement.

Rozum updated the Board on the status of the department’s budget request for the upcoming fiscal year. A few line items were reduced, including regular employee salary, snow materials, general supplies, heating costs, and gasoline. Money for overtime costs at the transfer station to fund an additional employee there on Saturdays for 32 weeks a year was kept in the budget.

ITEM #5: Vehicle update
→ Rozum noted that the department’s tub grinder was stolen. He noted that the Board requested funding for security cameras and fencing for the property in the past. Walsh noted that any other items on the property, such as plows, should be moved to secure areas.

ITEM #6: Transfer station update
→ Rozum stated that the only major issue at the transfer station is water collecting in one area. The area was milled but the water is still collecting and will continue to be addressed.
→ Rozum also stated that he received notification from a resident about a mess and the mess has since been cleaned up.

ITEM #7: Work performance update
→ Rozum presented the Board with a list of work performed over the last month. Stevens noted that two crews per day have been repairing potholes throughout the town.
→ Walsh asked that curbing that was pushed up onto lawns during snow removal in the Pearl Street area be removed.

ITEM #8: Executive session
→ Executive session was not deemed necessary.

ITEM #9: Other business
→ Cochran noted that the state will be paving portions of Route 115 this spring.
→ Finkle asked if the town has looked into pricing for crack sealing roads to lessen road damage. Rozum said that past requests have been rejected, but that there is STEEP grant money available.
→ Rozum also noted that a grant from the Matthies Foundation to extend the salt shed and gate the front of the property is in the works.

ITEM #10: Adjourn
→ Motion to adjourn at 8:26 PM.
Motion: Wayne Finkle   Second: Karl Trybus
Vote – Yes: 5, No: 0, Abstain: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Knott