

Board of Selectman
April 4, 2017
Meeting

Present: Nelson, Tanner, Warsaw

Regrets:

Park and Rec: D. Murphy

Recording Secretary: C. Frisbie

Public: Mr. E.Schoenfield

Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Nelson

1. **Minutes:** *Motion (Tanner/Warshaw) to accept the minutes of March 7, 2017 All Approved*
2. **Additions to the Agenda:** *Motion (Warshaw/Tanner) to add "Reader Board" to the agenda All Approved*
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **FOWS loan request:** C. Frisbie gave the Selectmen the letter written to the FOWS denying the request to loan them the funds for a deposit for a Drama Summer Camp All Selectman were in agreement with the decision the Treasurer made
5. **Library:** Nelson received a request from the WPL to move the used books to the Academy in order to make room downstairs and would like to sell the used books at the Academy. *Motion (Warshaw/Tanner) to grant the WP's request to use the Academy, as its available at no fee, to store and sell their used books All Approved*
6. **Budget:** The BOF asked the BOS to review and make the necessary changes to the Park and Rec budget request – recommended to (a) cut 2 Head Life guards to 1, (b) cut Life guard training from weekly to bi-weekly, (c) and get rid of the float, which would cut the number of life guards per day. Frisbie worked up a salary analysis showing the number of days and hours for the season, pay grades based on life guards and gate guards – best case scenario keeping the float, head life guard and instead of an Executive Head Life guard we would have a separate line item in the P&R budget for a life guard trainer. Another line item added the P&R budget was the offset of beach pass funds. Frisbie mentioned that the proposal could be cut down by not having guards one to two days less a week, taking the float out if need be as to decrease the number of life guards per day (3 down to 2). D. Murphy gave his thoughts on why (a) an Executive Head Life Guard is needed --- keep the life guards trained for an incident (b) a Head Life guard is needed to make sure less experienced life guards are supervised (especially in case of an incident – quoting it only takes 20 seconds for an adult and 12 seconds for a child to drown and there is no thrashing or screams made when this is happening), why keeping the float is a major demand of those who use the beach. Discussion on pay – we only pay minimum wage, which sometimes leaves us losing guards since Washington pays more. At this time, the Selectman didn't have any recommendations on the new proposed changes. A draft of the revenue was presented – did not account for any State Funds: Expense side – all changes from the last BOF were made expect for the possibility of any changes the BOF could make regarding Equipment or Fire Truck allocations

7. **First Selectman's Report:** **A)** keeping with the Budget – Washington will need to make repairs to the dam at the Lake. The Washington First Selectman, M. Lyons, asked the adjoining 2 Towns (Kent and Warren) if they would consider helping with the dam expenses – this would be an added expense to the 2017-18 budget. Nelson will ask the BOF for funds to help with the dam expense at the 4/5/17 meeting. **B)** Nelson and First Selectman of Morris, T. Weik, received an email from residents who went on the Washington D.C. trip in March, praising both P&R directors, Murphy and Davilla, for their professionalism, organization of the trip including the hotel, restaurants picked and the whole trip in general. It was very nice to receive such a wonderful letter from those who participate in the programs Murphy and Davilla plan.
8. **Additions to Agenda:** Warshaw was wondering if the possibility of have funds available for a reader board would be feasible (budget) He received an estimate of \$10-12,000. Warshaw will bring in or send Nelson the estimates he got and hopefully it could be worked into the budget/expenses.

Motion (Warshaw/ Tanner) to adjourn at 6:15 pm *All Approved*

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen M. Frisbie
Recording Secretary