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WEARE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
December 11, 2006

PRESENT: HELEEN KURK, CHAIRMAN; JOSEPH M. FIALA, VICE CHAIRMAN; DONNA M. OSBORNE, SELECTMAN; TOM CLOW, SELECTMAN; CRAIG SLATTUM, SELECTMAN

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Fred Ventresco

RECORDING SECRETARY: Cherry Palmisano

GUESTS: Ray Kelly, Frank Campana, Carl Knapp, Malcolm Wright, Jon Osborne, Bob Richards, Christine Hague, Susan Morin, Matt Esenwine, David Hewey

6:02 p.m. Chairman Kurk called the meeting to order.

Chairman Kurk informed everyone that at this Budget Work session there will be no public participation.

Selectman Osborne moved, Selectman Clow seconded that the Board of Selectmen support the proposed contract with the Police Department Employees Union subject to funding by vote of the Town. Selectman Slattum – yes; Selectman Clow – yes; Selectman Osborne – yes; Vice Chairman Fiala – yes; Chairman Kurk – yes. Passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Fiala said they had a great negotiation with the Police Chief and would like to express their support for their contract.

Chairman Kurk said they had requested, from the Historical Society, the wording for the warrant article that the Board would put into the warrant regarding the Stone Memorial Building, “Shall the town continue to allow the Weare Historical Society to use the Stone Memorial Building for a museum of Weare Artifacts, and to continue to have the cost of maintenance and utilities borne by the town.” Vice Chairman Fiala would really like it stated that the Weare Historical Society is the curator and not responsible for the building structure.

1. MANIFESTS

Chairman Kurk moved, Selectman Osborne seconded, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sign Manifest and order the Treasurer to sign checks dated December 14, 2006. Passed 5-0-0.

Accounts payable	\$845,162.76
Gross Payrolls	<u>\$39,274.16</u>
Total	<u>\$884,436.92</u>

2. LIBRARY BUDGET – Mr. Ray Kelly said the Library’s bottom-line budget holds comparable from the year 2003. Mr. Kelly said because there is no space for additional books they are trying to offer additional services. In order to free up the staffs time to offer these services to the public they are requesting a part-time page position. The NH State Library has offered them OverDrive downloadable audio books, which has been requested by patrons, for an annual cost of \$500. Mr. Kelly said to keep up with purchases and expenses for buying books and subscription services they budgeted \$12,400 to \$12,960.

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Ms. Christine Hague said they need additional wages for 1 part-time page to work at the desk and add hours to the page at the children's room desk. Ms. Hague informed the Board the Library is only cleaned 2 hours a week and they would like to have the building cleaned twice a week. They would also like to schedule a maintenance person on a regular basis so small things can be attended to and have funding for cleaning as well.

Ms. Hague asked for a postage increase last year, when they went to default last year the postage line went over, so they need the increase to cover postage costs.

It was discussed the Library requested budget is \$173,949 and last year it was \$161,071. Selectman Slattum said this is an 8% increase. Ms. Hague said there was also an 8% increase in health insurance, and the Trustees have agreed to split the 4% wage increase and the additional hours. Worker's compensation and unemployment went down. They have their coverage through Primex under the town's umbrella. It was discussed they are trying to put worker's compensation under one line throughout the budget; the Library cannot be under this because of the Trustees.

Chairman Kurk said Ms. Hague had sent them information regarding wages but the town is talking about a 3.5% increase across the board. Chairman Kurk said the Library has their own Trustees but is wondering if they could go along with the 3.5% increase instead of their 4%. Mr. Kelly said when they did surveys with other towns; Weare came in very low in the scale. Chairman Kurk said this cannot be rectified in one clean sweep, so they are trying to work with the 3.5% increase throughout. Ms. Hague said the original proposal was for a higher increase which they realized was not realistic. Ms. Hague said they hope to work with the Benefit Review Committee in the future for wage increases. Selectman Clow said they do have an active Committee and they are hoping to change things for next year, it is too late to change the coming year.

Ms. Hague said if there are funds remaining at the end of December they need to have permission to spend them on what they were designated for.

Chairman Kurk said the proposed bottom line is \$173,949. Ms. Hague said that is what is to be raised by taxation but they need to appropriate \$178,004 because they have the gross budget appropriation of \$4,055. Mr. Kelly said there are other revenue sources that are not raised by taxation. Ms. Hague said they have trust monies which are carried forward that they don't plan on spending by the end of the year. Chairman Kurk said they are going to ask the taxpayers for \$178,004 but how do we tell the taxpayers about the \$4,055. It was discussed this money is recorded on the revenue sheet.

Mr. Ventresco asked Ms. Hague to get her revenue information to Ms. Tina Pelletier. It was discussed the revenue from the Library is not town revenue it goes back to the trustees.

Vice Chairman Fiala asked how many computers there are at the Library. Ms. Hague said there are 4 available to the public and they have 9 other workstations. Vice Chairman Fiala asked about the computer maintenance line. Ms. Hague said it is for support and maintenance. Vice Chairman Fiala said they have seen computer support go up on every other budget and asked Ms. Hague if she were comfortable with this figure. Ms. Hague said they are comfortable with the budgeted line because they do receive some grant funds for this line. Vice Chairman Fiala asked if they have special software. Ms. Hague said yes, they do not have a licensing fee for Microsoft but they will, at this time their Microsoft software is so old there is no support, but they will be updating. Ms. Hague said the software they use for cataloging has just been bought by another company and they have not received a bill yet. They will be buying software through their Capital Reserve Fund. Selectman Clow asked about the downloadable books, are they on the screen or downloadable. Ms. Hague said they are audio books, for libraries under 10,000 population the fee is \$500 for an annual subscription. Ms. Hague said patrons can download the book at home for a period of 2 weeks. The state has worked with them to allow them to pay the cost over a period of time. Ms. Hague said technically this allows you can take a book out of the Library from your home.

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Mr. Matt Esenwine asked about the gross budget appropriation line. Ms. Hague said it covers 3 trusts that come to them annually. Mr. Esenwine asked about the \$4,055 being used for a particular item. Ms. Hague said some of those are earmarked. Mr. Esenwine said they were discussing how to state this on the budget. Ms. Hague said it the statute for Libraries the amount of a grant or a trust cannot be deducted from the Library budget. These can be used for specific purposes; the Paige Trust is for building maintenance. They plan on spending it that's why it has to be in the requested budget, so they have permission to spend. Chairman Kurk said if they take out their wage lines their budget is only up a little of 3%. Ms. Hague will meet with Ms. Pelletier to compare the budget for accuracy.

Selectman Slattum asked about the Emma Sawyer Trust and asked if the grant is almost spent. Ms. Hague said they will spend the remainder of the trust this year.

Chairman Kurk asked the Board if they plan on making any changes to the Library budget. Selectman Clow said he questions the across the board increase of 3.5% and wonders about asking the Trustees for the same increase instead of 4%. Selectman Slattum said he was in favor of the 3.5% increase across the town and understands the .5 % is not much but would like it to be the same throughout all departments.

3. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: Water – Mr. Carl Knapp said it is level funded.

4. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: Sewer – The proposed budget went down because insurances have been moved to a different line. Chairman Kurk asked if the budget is the same. Mr. Knapp said there are minor increases, wage related. It was discussed there were problems with the generator and a new generator will be arriving soon at no expense to the town. It was discussed there is a Sewer Capital Reserve Fund to cover the cost of repairing the pumps.

Mr. Esenwine asked were the insurance lines are being moved too. Mr. Ventresco said the town has been expensing the bills out, they get one large bill and then it is distributed throughout the departments, and they have decided to put all the insurances in one line in the budget.

Selectman Osborne is abstaining from the Transfer Station budget discussion.

5. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: Transfer Station – Mr. Knapp distributed a proposed (being without wage increases) and default budget separately and said the bottom line is \$376,894. Selectman Slattum said he spoke with Sue Tuthill regarding retirement numbers. Chairman Kurk said this will increase in June. Mr. Knapp said there are 2 full time personnel split between highway and transfer station. Chairman Kurk asked about revolving accounts and if it would be good to have an account for paper, tin cans, plastic, and aluminum cans. Mr. Knapp said they generate revenue for items such as televisions, demolition, refrigerators and it costs them to have these items removed. Then there are items such as paper, cans, plastic which they get revenue for. Mr. Knapp said he spoke with CIP about items they are getting revenue for to put into the CIP for equipment costs but the revenue from items they charge for they need to dispose of the items. Chairman Kurk said people are recycling paper more but possibly would recycle more if they saw the revenue listed separately. Mr. Knapp said they charge people for the items and have spent \$53,000 to date to dispose of these items; if there was a revolving fund this would help with trying to estimate.

Chairman Kurk asked for a warrant article with specific wording on the revolving fund. Selectman Slattum said he was in favor of a revolving fund. The Board discussed a Special Revenue Account for recyclables, which brings in revenue and then get permission to spend at town meeting. Chairman Kurk asked if they would all be included into one revolving account. Mr. Knapp said that would be the easiest way. Mr. Knapp said they crush the glass and mix it with rock and crush it together to use it to line the culverts. The glass does not get hauled anywhere, Mr. Knapp said it stays on site and we use all of it. Selectman Clow said the revolving fund is a great idea but what about if the revolving fund does not pass at town meeting. Mr. Knapp said you have to keep it in

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the budget for the first year and say “if this item passes then it will reduce the budget by . . . “ Special Revenue would have to be appropriated every year. Mr. Knapp said he checked with DRA to see what other towns are doing. Chairman Kurk said a Special Revenue Fund would not help the town. Selectman Clow said either way it needs to stay in the budget this year. It was discussed they used this Special Revenue Fund for the Police Department Detail and it did not work.

Vice Chairman Fiala asked Mr. Knapp about the company they use to dispose of the demolition and being told they could not send mixed loads of sheet rock, pressure treated and, other demo together. Mr. Knapp said it saves the town money to separate; they really need to have a concrete pad in front of the new container. Mr. Knapp said the largest line in the budget is Concord Resource Recovery and said this line did not increase much because they saved on the recyclables.

Vice Chairman Fiala said a good portion of the increase is due to disposing of things the transfer station charges for. Mr. Knapp said television disposal has increased and it has cost \$3,170 to dispose of televisions this year alone. Mr. Knapp said before the end of the year they need to dispose of the tires and televisions about \$2,500 to dispose of both items and said these items need to be scheduled for disposal. The Board discussed the decision for spending to remove these items will be made next week at the regularly scheduled meeting. Mr. Knapp said they will have to be included in next year’s budget if we don’t dispose of them soon. Selectman Slattum said could they encumber the funds at the last few days of the year to dispose of tires, televisions and purchase cutting blades.

Mr. Knapp said they have always done the reporting for landfill closures and groundwater management themselves and now it has to be done by an engineer which will happen every year and will cost the town \$5,000 annually starting in 2007. Mr. Knapp said CMA has been working with the town and said they have to do this, there is no choice. They have always had to do the sampling and the reports but it never had to be stamped by an engineer. Chairman Kurk asked Mr. Knapp to check with other communities to see what their cost would be for this service. Mr. Knapp said the first year would be the most expensive because it is the first year. This would become a separate line in the budget and will be a contract.

6. PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET: Highway – Mr. Knapp said Highway and Transfer both include the position that has been vacant. Chairman Kurk said they have discussed reconfiguring the manpower at the Transfer Station. Mr. Knapp said they could use at least half a day with personnel without the transfer station open. Chairman Kurk asked how does the work gets done now. Mr. Knapp said it gets done but there is a lot of running around. Mr. Knapp said once in a while they get community service people for clean up, they have no fence so things do blow around. Mr. Knapp said he thinks they are the only transfer station in the State that does not have personnel on days they are closed to the public. Mr. Knapp some on those stations are only open 2-5 days. Chairman Kurk asked if a lot of residents come in at 7:00 am. Mr. Knapp said you can get quite a burst. Mr. Osborne said Wednesday is the hauling day. Selectman Slattum said he has had requests for extended late hours. Mr. Knapp said he is not in favor of Sundays; they are open 40 hours a week to the public. Chairman Kurk asked if there are ways to change the schedule to make things more efficient. Selectman Clow would like some public input before making any decisions. Mr. Knapp said they have tried numerous different nights staying late and no matter what night they did it, it was not worth the time for the employees.

Mr. Knapp said the bottom-line is \$1,000,873.00; there are some changes and some of them are large. Selectman Clow asked Mr. Knapp to walk them through large line changes.

Hourly wages – change in personnel and the difference in the wage amount

Office Equipment – they would like to purchase a new fax machine, copier and printer being split between Highway and Land use \$499 for printer \$200 fax and then the copier. Chairman Kurk asked Mr. Knapp to

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prioritize the need of the equipment. Mr. Knapp said the fax machine would be last on the list, the printer they have does function but the copier is in rough shape

Vehicle Fuel – Mr. Knapp said he is unsure if this proposed amount is large enough. Allows for increased cost not gallon amount, they have spent \$92,000 to date. Mr. Knapp said the trucks were run hard and non stop because of the flood damage and they use diesel fuel, which is more expensive. Mr. Knapp said this line is very hard to determine, cost of fuel and how much is needed is hard to determine. It was discussed they just accepted 10 miles of road. Vice Chairman Fiala asked how long it takes to plow 6 miles of road. Mr. Knapp said about 2 hours depending on the turn around.

Cutting Edges – Large increase last year because of the price of steel largely increased, plows are 11 feet, \$660 for the carbide and \$100.00 for the cover and each truck has 2 plows. Mr. Knapp still has half the cutting edge line left; he has not purchased them yet because he was asked to wait. Mr. Knapp needs to purchase 10 sets and said by running carbide cutting edges you only have to change them once a year.

Chains and tires – Mr. Knapp said the tire chains have increased by double and tires have gone up considerably.

Oil and lubricants – change the oil in the vehicles, overspent to due large increase in oil

Street Signs – increased slightly

Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance – Mr. Knapp said there are several different lines for vehicle and equipment maintenance. Mr. Knapp would like to have these grouped into one line. Vice Chairman Fiala said he likes to see the lines separately to see what is spent. Chairman Kurk said the total spent to date on vehicle and equipment maintenance is \$41,895. Mr. Knapp said there are items they are waiting to purchase; they don't even have light bulbs in stock. Chairman Kurk said the line is increasing by \$13,000 over what was spent this year and is wondering if it is more than what is realistic. Mr. Knapp almost every line is overspent for maintenance and some by quite a large amount. Selectman Clow asked Mr. Knapp if these lines reflect the \$20,000 given to vehicle maintenance from Comcast. Mr. Knapp said the \$20,000 additional is not reflected in the budget. Chairman Kurk said they need to account for all actual spent maintenance. The Board will research where the \$20,000 is accounted for in the budget.

Chairman Kurk discussed road side mowing and said she had received numerous calls. Mr. Knapp said because they did not perform road side mowing for numerous years you cannot mow down to the ground because everything has overgrown too far. Mr. Knapp said it is very important to perform the road side mowing yearly, because now they need to go out with chain saws by hand. Mr. Knapp said to rent the equipment costs \$5,500 for 1 month.

Uniforms – Contracted with E&R until 2008 or 2009

Tree Removal – Increased, they are trying to take care of the high priorities, does not go out to bid, is done gradually a little at a time.

Health insurance – Substantial increase but they have no control over it.

Selectman Slattum thought the budget was pretty tight with an 8.5% increase in the proposed.

Overtime line – requesting \$40,000. Mr. Knapp said this line is hard to judge because of snow storms and plowing and said they did not have enough staff last year to rotate to avoid overtime. FEMA does not cover salary/wages they only cover overtime, and they got some of these funds back. Selectman Slattum commented on salt being \$118,076. Mr. Knapp said he kept it level funded from last year, there are contracts in place for the salt, trying to keep the budget down, and the shed is a little less than half full. Mr. Knapp said they have the state contract to Granite State Minerals which they keep just in case the primary supplier runs out of salt so they

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will have the contract with Granite State Minerals to fall back on. Mr. Knapp said so basically it is just an insurance policy to insure they will be able to purchase salt.

Mr. Knapp discussed tree removal, knows it is an increase, the amount of dead trees of the side of the road is substantial, and there are standing dead trees in the right a way. Mr. Knapp said the proper way of doing this is to divide the town into sections and getting the town done in sections. Vice Chairman Fiala mentioned the fatality which took place a couple of years ago on Old Francestown Road. Chairman Kurk asked if this could be a warrant article. Mr. Knapp said the \$5,000 budgeted per year basically just covers the trees that people call and complain about. Mr. Ventresco asked how they determine if it is the town's or homeowner's responsibility. Mr. Knapp said they do have a lot of right a ways. If there is a perfectly large tree bigger than 5 inches in diameter then no permission is needed. Mr. Knapp said as far as dead trees, he has been lead to believe the town is responsible for the maintenance of the roads. Mr. Ventresco said he attended a Local Government Center and it was discussed there they are trying to put the ownership of the landowners.

Chairman Kurk asked about possibly having a warrant article to address some of this issue. Vice Chairman Fiala said this is a considerable amount of money and the taxpayers should be asked how they feel. Mr. Knapp said you would pay the tree company per day. Selectman Clow said would you want a warrant article for the whole town not divided up between sections.

Mr. Esenwine, commented on the tree removal as a warrant article. Mr. Knapp said it would be reduced to a maintenance amount. Mr. Esenwine discussed the insurance lines being moved to the overall operating budget and out of the separate department budgets.

Mr. Esenwine commented on the budget as a whole and the bottom-line and is concerned with the voters not wanting increases in their taxes, so keep in mind when calculating individual department budgets and their increases.

Selectman Clow said they really need to have the insurances removed for individual departments and placed in one location in the operating budget then you will have a true percentage of increases in each budget.

Mr. Knapp said if the Board is going to move or change things he would like it done while he is in front of them. Mr. Knapp said the salt supply is a little better than where he expected to be at this point in the year.

Selectman Slattum recalculated the budget and said there really aren't many lines that can be reduced.

Mr. Knapp commented on the fax machine, copier and printer, if it was not approved in the Land use budget then he will remove it from his budget as well because the purchases can not be made unless both departments split the cost.

Chairman Kurk asked Mr. Knapp if salary increases are not included in the budget. Mr. Knapp said they are not included in the budget. Proposed 2007 \$4,046,987. Add 182,000 for debt service compare to 2006 budget get 4.4% before salaries. Selectman Slattum asked for the annual payroll.

Selectman Clow asked Mr. Knapp how his articles for heavy equipment compare to last year. Mr. Knapp said last year they requested \$150,000 this year \$125,000.

Household hazardous waste had budgeted last year \$14,000 in a warrant article and the bill came in a little under \$8,000. Mr. Knapp said he is not sure why this cost is down.

Mr. Knapp discussed communication with the Board. Mr. Knapp said they need to have a discussion about communication again because it is costing his employees money because they are using their personal phones.

Chairman Kurk asked about priority about office equipment. Mr. Knapp said it is hard for him to determine because he does not use this office equipment. Chairman Kurk discussed the employees being able to use the copier on the main floor. The Board discussed the fax line in the Land use Department is already being paid

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\$28.00 a month. Vice Chairman Fiala said the copier will have to wait. Mr. Knapp said the printer they have works when it wants, but is very old. The Board discussed \$50.00 from each budget for the fax and printer can also be split between the departments but the copier can wait. Chairman Kurk said they are removing the \$1,500 towards copier.

Selectman Osborne asked about the truck phone, Mr. Knapp said it is his personal phone and has been hesitant to change this phone number.

Vice Chairman Fiala said they could cut the maintenance line from \$58,000 to \$55,000.

Mr. Knapp said they are locked in at the salt price.

With these cuts it would be a 7% increase.

Review of cuts:

Highway overtime to \$50,000

Highway office equipment \$500

Cutting edges will be discussed at the end of the year

Highway Maintenance will be addressed at the end of the year

Highway Equipment Maintenance \$55,000

Salt \$115,933 (there is 1/3 of a barn of salt stored now) this year spent \$109,000 so there is still \$11,000 in that line (normally the shed is filled at this time of the start of the season)

7% - leaving the insurance in (reduced the budget by \$15,000)

Selectman Clow asked about warrant articles and how they each affect the budget in the CIP. Mr. Knapp said last year CIP was a total of \$465,000, with \$90,000 coming from surplus last year

Chairman Kurk asked Mr. Ventresco to see if Paul Morin could meet with them Saturday morning.

Mr. Knapp mentioned the Highway Block Grant and not receiving any information on this yet. Mr. Knapp said a lot of Highway Department Budget's is based on the car registrations at the time. Mr. Knapp said there is a RSA that states the town shall appropriate ¼ of 1% of the net evaluation which would be around \$2.2 million.

Chairman Kurk said they could not give Mr. Knapp a final answer at this time. Mr. Knapp asked what else besides looking around at the engineering recording fee for the landfill reporting do they want him to look at.

Mr. Knapp said warrant articles he expects to have road reconstruction as a warrant article.

7. FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET – Chief Richards said the building maintenance increased and he just received a bill for \$130.00 to service the furnace at the Sugar Hill Station, so therefore he is now including \$650.00 in the budget to have the furnaces serviced. Chief Richards informed the Board to have the propane furnace at the Safety Complex serviced by Irving will cost \$138.00 an hour. These services will be included in the default as well.

Chairman Kurk asked about the protective clothing. Chief Richards said everyone uses the same material but he will research other suppliers to compare costs. Chiefs Richards said he discussed in the past with the Board having Elliot Services do an evaluation of the protective clothing at \$38.00 an hour plus mileage. Chief Richards said the company will evaluate all 50 sets; it could take a day and possibly a half then the company will let him know if the clothing is in good shape.

Chairman Kurk asked Chief Richards where this leaves the situation and when will they perform the evaluation. Because if the company tells them they need to replace 5 sets of protective clothing then it needs to be included

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in the budget. Chief Richards said the company works by the hour when performing repairs. Chairman Kurk feels this is a prudent idea and the Board agrees. Chief Richards said there is enough money in the equipment repair to cover this expense. Chairman Kurk asked Chief Richards to contact this man as soon as possible to do the evaluation.

Mr. Esenwine asked when this was brought up previously someone brought up taking this money from the CIP. Chairman Kurk said if it is something that needs to be purchased every year it needs to be in the operating budget. If it is an expenditure of over \$10,000 over 6-8 years then it qualifies for CIP item. Chairman Kurk said the Board certainly does not want any firefighter to go into a fire ill-equipped. Chief Richards got 17 sets from a grant 3 years ago. Selectman Clow said if it is in the operating budget it will carry into the default budget.

Selectman Slattum asked if they should put 10 sets of protective clothing in the budget just in case the evaluation cannot be performed in time.

Chief Richards told the Board there has been lots of ambulance calls and protective clothing is required for motor vehicle calls. Chief Richards said he sent a report over to Mr. Ventresco on things that need to be purchased. Chairman Kurk said at this time they are having a real problem with funding. Discussion on repairing the copier compared to leasing a brand new copier with a 9 month maintenance contract.

Office supplies spent this year \$736.24. Bottom line is a 6.8% increase

Chief Richards would like to discuss radios. Chairman Kurk said before this comes before the Board Carl Knapp, Chief Begin and Chief Richards need to meet and decide what will work best for the community. Chief Richards discussed he was asked to take control of the communication, and then years later asked to mind his own business. Chief Richards said the Police Department and Fire Department need separate towers and run on separate channels. Chief Richards informed the Board the Fire Department Communication base tower was down on Thursday and they had no communication and he strongly urges the Board to put the radio communication back into the budget. Chairman Kurk would really like them all to get together to discuss what is needed. Chief Richards said Mr. Knapp is on a different base station but he does not use a repeater and is speaking from mobile radio to mobile radio. Everything the Police and Fire do to communicate goes to the station and back.

Mr. Knapp said the price he received was for 20 mobiles with external speaker's radios, base station and licenses, completely starting cover and antennas were \$35,000. Mr. Knapp said they cannot be hooked up to the Fire or Police radio equipment. Chairman Kurk would like Chief Richards, Chief Begin, Carl Knapp, a member from the CIP Subcommittee and Mr. Ventresco to meet and work it out.

Selectman Slattum asked Chief Richards on what the wage increase is reflected at. Chief Richards said 2.5% increase in the Proposed Budget.

8. SELECTMEN'S BUDGET

There is an increase because there is now a Town Administrator.

ICMA – 27% increase

Government Buildings – 7.9% increase, \$300 for water bubbler, town office heat increased \$2,000, rubbish removal has increased

The Board discussed the bottom line is \$108,506 and Chairman Kurk said the default and the proposed should be the same on this part of the budget. Chairman Kurk requested Paul Morin attend Saturday morning's Selectmen's meeting to discuss CIP items.

Mr. Malcolm Wright asked Chairman Kurk when he could discuss the Stone Memorial Building. Mr. Wright feels he was denied the right to discuss the Stone Memorial Building. Chairman Kurk said she received a phone

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call from the President of the Weare Historical Society asking if she should attend tonight's meeting and Chairman Kurk told her no, because there would be no discussion.

The Board said they were discussing the wording of the article only. Mr. Wright said it was a petitioned article with enough signatures to do so. The Board felt the article was for the Board to place in the warrant. Selectman Clow said the Board felt they wanted things to remain the way they were because of Weare Historical Society cannot afford to pay for the building. Mr. Wright asked if the Board felt this was responsible spending with all the cutting in the budgets that happened tonight with other budgets. Mr. Wright says there is room for discussion and there has been mishandling with the building for the last 25 years. Mr. Wright said this is a private organization that has exclusive use of the building. Mr. Wright really feels there they are subsidizing a private group. Selectman Osborne said the building is owned by the town. Mr. Wright feels the Weare Historical Society has a legal obligation to pay the heat and utilities on the building. Selectman Clow feels the initial article said the Weare Historical Society would be maintaining the building and somewhere around 1990 just decided to reassume responsibility; he is not sure if this was done officially or the right way. Selectman Clow said this Board's feeling is it is unanimous they support the warrant article which he knows Mr. Wright disagrees with.

Chairman Kurk said when the President of the Historical Society called she said she had signatures for a petition. Chairman Kurk told her no signatures were needed because if the Board agreed on the article it would come from the Board. Mr. Wright feels this is a lack of responsibility for 25 years and when it was brought to the table it should have been discussed. Vice Chairman Fiala said the Board did not act on the article yet. Selectman Clow asked what the deadline was for petitioned articles. Mr. Wright said he feels what was presented was presented as a petitioned article and it did have enough signatures.

Mr. Wright wants the Historical Society to be responsible. Mr. Wright said the Historical Society has let other vendors use the outlets over at the Stone Building carelessly and wants them to take responsibility.

Chairman Kurk informed Mr. Wright again there was not going to be any discussion tonight and said this discussion needs to go onto a future agenda. Selectman Slattum said he has no problem with having a discussion. Selectman Slattum told Mr. Wright nothing is preventing him from presenting a petitioned article. Mr. Wright does not want to bring the Historical Society down but wants them to be responsible. Selectman Clow said the deadline for petitioned articles in January 9, 2007. Chairman Kurk feels it is in the best interest of all to have this discussion with all interested parties.

Selectman Clow apologized to Mr. Wright for him feeling slighted because the Board really felt they were just discussing the wording on the warrant article for the Historical Society.

The Board will make sure this will be on the next agenda.

Motion to adjourn at 10:56 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A True Record.

Cherry Palmisano, Recording Secretary