Present from the Board: Selectman Katherine Dawson, Selectman David Wadleigh, Selectman Norm Boudreau, Selectman Pat Consentino, and Selectman Sandy Plessner.

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Also present: Town Administrator Joyce Fulweiler and Secretary Catherine A. Woessner.

Selectman Dawson called the meeting to order at 5:05PM.

Approval of minutes of 12/28/09 and 1/14/10: Selectman Dawson asked to have these minutes posted as draft until their meeting of next week.

Chief Cormier presented his Warrant Article regarding the purchase/lease of one cruiser in the amount of $28,854, a Ford Crown Victoria Police Vehicle up fitted with emergency lights and police vehicle markings. After discussion the Board agreed to remove “lease” and “2010” from the warrant article. The Warrant Article will be to raise and appropriate a police cruiser and the amount of $28,854 includes the cost of emergency lights, controls, and prisoner barrier partition and police vehicle markings. This is an individual warrant article and is not included in the operating budget.

Selectman Dawson gave the Board copies of the RFP for the Pine Street Bridge that will go out on Monday, January 25th, 2010. after the Board reviewed it they were in agreement to send it out.

Selectman Plessner reported to the Board that the Sewer Comm. Secretary Johanna Ames has received several calls from Lochmere residents concerned that Silver Lake Road has some very large frost heaves around the railroad tracks. Selectman Plessner questioned if this road is under warranty as it is a new road and if so will the State come back and make the repairs. Selectman Plessner was told that the Bureau of RR did their own crossing. Selectman Dawson said part of the deal that the Road committee
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...made was that the town had no cost in the railroad as this belongs to the State and is a state road. There should be no cost to the town in fixing any frost heaves in association with the railroad crossing. A message was left for the Public Works director to proceed with whatever has to be done. Selectman Wadleigh said Dennis should contact Division 3, D.O.T.

Selectman Plessner met with Chief Cormier and Public Works Dennis Allen concerning the speed limit changes that the Selectmen are recommending in the Village district. Selectman Plessner suggests they have a public hearing to let the residents in that area know what is going on and receive their comments. The Selectmen agree and would like to have a letter sent to all of the residents in the Village District and also post the notice on the website in addition to having the notice in the Echo and The sun. It was also suggested to have flyers made to hand out in town hall. The board agreed to have the public hearing on February 11th, at 6:30PM.

Finance Officer Tim Pearson: Tim informed the Board that he and Chief Cormier were reviewing the police budget and found an error in the wages, the merit raises and can be corrected. Tim presented a draft of the revenues that will be presented to the Budget Committee next week. Tim said they are largely in line with the revenues from this week with a few exceptions bringing down the interest and penalties slightly. Selectman Dawson asked Tim to check into the discretionary easement on the golf course.

Tim explained the discrepancy in the Police wages. He said there are step increases for a number of the Officers that are part of their contract and are really not merit raises. For those Officers that have reached the end of that level, maxed out in their steps, those Officers received a 3 percent increase per the contract. The Chief and Captain are in with the rest of the town employees at 3.5 percent. Tim said what happened was that the amount of the merit raises was included in the wages line as well as the merit line. Last night the Budget committee reduced (because of military leave) one of the Officers wages in total by $30,000 anticipating that it was unlikely he was returning in mid year. Tim said the new figure for Officer’s wages is $818,000 instead of $864,000. the Board is okay with the changes.
At this time Selectman Boudreau and Selectman Wadleigh left for a meeting at the COOP.

At 5:04PM Selectman Consentino made a motion to enter into non-public session as per RSA 91-A:3 regarding A, the dismissal, promotion or compensation for any public employee or the discipline of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him, unless the employee affected has a right to a meeting and requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted, and D, the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community, seconded by Selectman Dawson. Selectman Plessner, yes, Selectman Dawson, yes, and Selectman Consentino, yes.

At 6:03PM the Board resumed their regular session and Selectman Dawson made a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session (real estate) until this matter has been resolved and to permanently seal the minutes of the personnel section on the non public minutes, seconded by Selectman Consentino. Selectman Plessner, yes, Selectman Dawson, yes, and Selectman Consentino, yes.

At 6:04PM Selectman Dawson adjourned the Selectmen's meeting.