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Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

August 2, 2017, 8:30 AM

**Town Administrator's Conference Room,
Town Hall, 155 Village Street**

Present: Maryjane White, Chair; Dennis Crowley, Clerk; Glenn Trindade, Member; John Foresto, Member.

Also Present: Town Administrator Michael Boynton; Asst. Town Administrator Allison Potter; Asst. Fire Chief Michael Fasolino.

At 8:30AM, Chairman White called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: None

Vote to Accept Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant - \$741,443, and Authorization to Expend:

The Board reviewed the grant expenditure authorization form, grant budget, Fire Chief's email, and notice of grant award.

Mr. Foresto moved, seconded by Mr. Trindade, that the Board accept the FEMA fire and emergency response staffing grant in the amount of \$741,443, authorize its expenditure and also authorize the Chair to execute associate grant documents, as necessary. Discussion followed:

Mr. Foresto asked what the Town's obligation is for the next three years, at which time the Town will be responsible for the additional personnel. Mr. Boynton responded that the hiring will take place in January and the budget will need another \$40,000 this year, which he intends to take from new growth at Fall Town Meeting. He will not be asking to utilize excess levy capacity. Next year, he will build the salary cost into the budget, and identify the grant as the source of funds. He is not worried given the anticipated revenues coming into the Town in the next several years. Mr. Trindade commented that this is an expense, but it improves services through staffing.

Mr. Crowley asked how the grant payments work and Mr. Boynton responded that they will be paid over three calendar years and span four fiscal years. There will also be an annual reporting requirement that Chief Lynch and the Finance Director will complete.

Mr. Boynton said this is a positive for the Town, as this grant has typically gone to cities.

Mr. Crowley asked which budget would receive the \$40,000, Fire or EMS. Mr. Boynton said he would prefer to put it in Fire. Mr. Crowley wanted to talk about where the funds would come from. He also did not think that the money should go into EMS simply because the surplus at the end of the year indicates that the General Fund supplement to this enterprise account is too big. Mr. Foresto said Mr. Crowley's point may be that the \$40,000 will not be needed because it is already available in the EMS budget.

The Selectmen briefly discussed whether the EMS enterprise account should remain an enterprise account or become a special revenue account.

Mr. Crowley commended Chief Lynch and his staff for their proactive work to secure the grant. He stated that adding this personnel is more economical for the Town than contract for private ALS services.

It was so voted: 4-0-0.

Discussion – State Lotter Commission Notice of KENO To Go Game at Liquor World, 67 Main St

The Board reviewed the notice from the State Lottery Commission regarding Liquor World's Keno To Go game application.

Mr. Boynton stated that this was added to the agenda in the event the Board had any comments or concerns about the proposed KENO To Go game being added at Liquor World. The Board did not have any concerns. No vote was necessary.

The Board briefly discussed the pending parks improvements project, the fact the timeline might be in jeopardy and the merits of meeting the timeline or bidding the project in the winter.

The topic of the Community Farm's request to access private property on Adams St via Idyllbrook Field was brought up. Mr. Trindade is working on getting an acceptable agreement negotiated.

At 8:45 AM, Mr. Trindade moved to adjourn; Mr. Foresto seconded the motion; No discussion; All ayes 3-0-0.