

A special meeting of the Town Council held on Friday February 19, 2010 was held in Town Council Chambers was called to order at 5:06 PM, Council President Budway presiding.

After pledging allegiance to the flag of our country, Town Clerk Long called the roll:

Councilman Farrar-absent

Councilman Hanna-present

Councilwoman Frederickson-present

Councilman D'Agostino - present

Councilman Winfield – present

Council Vice-President Collins - present

Council President Budway – present

On the agenda this afternoon is discussion and/or approval of a grant application for a new senior van. Council President Budway explained that this grant application has to be submitted by February 22, 2010. He said that the grant is through United States Senator Whitehouse's office.

Senior Services Director Judy Loven explained to the Council about the grant. She said that she first had contact with Senator's Whitehouse's Office when she went there with State Representative Mike Marcello about getting a used van to hold us over until we can buy a new one. She said that she received this grant application at the end of January. She said that she needed guidance to answer a few questions. She said that she was unsure of some of the language of the grant, especially the certification process at the end.

Town Solicitor D'Agostino said that he would recommend that we print out the application and add a disclaimer that states that we are not very sure about the ethics disclaimer at the end of the application

General discussion about the federal stimulus plan and the unfair way that grants are awarded and about principle behind the plan.

Councilman Hanna asked what effect this will have on the budget and if it will save money for the Town.

Judy Loven said that the bus that she just got from RIPTA is still good but it does have a lot of miles on it.

Council President Budway said that if we do get the grant to purchase a new van then the insurance will be higher but the maintenance costs will be lower.

Council Vice-President Collins said that once things start to go wrong with the current van then it will cost a lot of money to fix it. He suggested that we put in for the grant and if we get it we get it.

Motion made by by Council Vice-President Collins, seconded by Councilman Hanna and voted to approve the grant application for a new senior van through Senator's Whitehouse's

office with the stated modifications and to have the Town Solicitor put a qualifying statement at the bottom concerning the ethics disclaimer.

Councilman D'Agostino –aye                      Councilwoman Frederickson-aye

Council Vice-President Collins –aye      Councilman Hanna-aye

Council President Budway – aye              Councilman Winfield-aye

Motion carries.

Council President Budway said that he would like to have the record reflect that the Council had difficulty in coming to a decision.

General discussion followed.

Motion made by Council Vice-President Collins, seconded by Councilman D'Agostino and voted to adjourn at 5:26 PM and to keep the minutes of the meetings previously closed to the public; closed pursuant to RIGL 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 and to allow the Town Clerk 14 days to prepare the minutes of the meeting.

Councilman D'Agostino-aye                      Councilman Winfield-aye

Council Vice-President Collins –aye              Councilman Hanna-aye

Council President Budway – aye                      Councilwoman Frederickson-aye

Motion carries.

Attest:

Margaret M. Long

Town Clerk

No tape of this meeting.