

Town of Waterford
IT Committee Regular Meeting
February 16, 2011

Present: Rudie Beers, Tom Wagner, Ron Cusano, Brian Flaherty, Roz Rubenstein, Mark Burnham, Marlena Montgomery, Sally Ritchie, Mike Bekech.

Staff: Jeff Robillard.

Item 1

Call to order. Chairperson Beers called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Item 2 Public Comment. None

Item 3

Approval of the minutes of Regular Meeting of December 15, 2010.

Motion to approve the minutes-Marlena Montgomery

Seconded-Roz Rubenstein

Motion Passed-6-0. Abstaining- M. Bekech, B. Flaherty, R. Cusano.

Item 4

Reports on projects and upgrades presented by Jeff Robillard.

Motion to accept the reports-Mike Bekech

Seconded-Tom Wagner

Motion Passed-Unanimous

Item 5

Motion to consider and act upon a request from Murray J. Pendleton, Chief of Police, to replace an existing HP4014 networked printer in the Dispatch Center for the cost of \$1,465.00. Printer works 24 hours a day printing every State teletype. Purchasing agent selected this model to accommodate the heavy printing demands

Motion: Brian Flaherty

Seconded: Ron Cusano

Motion Passed-Unanimous

Item 6

Consider and act upon the request from Roz Rubenstein to approve renewal of firewall support to protect the public network that serves the Community Center, Youth Services and the Library. This firewall support contract will be for the term of three years.

Motion: Mark Burnham

Seconded: Tom Wagner

Motion Passed-Unanimous

Item 7

Consider and act upon the request of Ed Crane, Director of Information Technology, to purchase renewal of the Town network firewall support. J. Robillard confirmed that all firewalls on both the Town and BOE sides were purchased and are managed by AOS.

Motion: Marlena Montgomery

Seconded: Ron Cusano

Motion Passed-Unanimous

Item 8

Consider correspondence from Ed Crane, Director of Information Technology, dealing with migration to a virtual environment. General discussion ensued regarding the advantages of a virtual environment, savings in purchasing, housing, and maintaining the approximately 30 separate servers that service the Town. Essentially 30 servers would be reduced to 2 servers connected to a SAN. Advantages to the virtual environment would be to eliminate hardware and equipment and reduce electricity costs as well as to provide faster response to servers that fail.

Item 9

Consider the request of Chief Pendleton (Dispatch), and Tom Wagner to dispose of equipment replaced during the recent upgrade.

Motion: Roz Rubenstein

Seconded: Mike Bekech

Motion Passed: Unanimous.

Item 10

New Business

To reduce printing and paper costs, Mark Burnham proposed that the IT Meeting Agenda and back up package sent electronically to each IT Committee Member be reviewed on the smart board during the meeting, thereby eliminating each member printing the whole package. It was agreed that we would try this new process at the next IT meeting.

Rudie Beers, Chairperson, requested that committee members affirm the purchase of an HP elite portable workstation to replace a very old laptop that failed during BOS budget hearings.

Motion: Tom Wagner

Seconded: Marlena Montgomery

Motion Passed: Unanimous.

Item 11

Copy of e-mail correspondence from Daniel M. Steward, First Selectman, regarding an inquiry from Alan Wilensky, member of the Board of Finance, dealing with website content. Discussion followed. Chairperson Beers requested that the IT Subcommittee meet to consider how best to address Mr. Wilensky's concern regarding contacting elected officials through the Town's Website and to come back to the full committee with a recommendation for further discussion and consideration.

Copies of interoffice correspondence to and from the Chairperson dealing with the need for a generator at Town Hall. Discussion followed. The Chairperson will write a letter stating that the sense of the committee was to support the need for a generator at Town Hall.

Item 12

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Roz Rubenstein

Seconded: Marlena Montgomery

Motion Passed: Unanimous

The meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally B. Ritchie