

Meeting Notes
Thursday, January 11, 2018
Budget Hearing

CALL TO ORDER – The hearing was called to order at 6:30 PM at the Fire Rescue building with all 6 budget committee members (Member Storer came in around 7: 00 PM), 5 Selectpersons, Town Manager, and Executive Assistant present.

ORGANIZATION OF BUDGET COMMITTEE – Committee member Leo Ferland moved to appoint Jim Porter as chairman of the committee. Member Erland Torrey seconded the motion. Discussion: None

Vote: 5-yes 0-no (1 Abstain – Jim Porter)

Committee member Tim Curran moved to appoint Leo Ferland as vice-chairman of the committee. Member Jim Porter seconded the motion. Discussion: None

Vote: 5-yes 0-no (1 Abstain – Leo Ferland)

Committee member Erland Torrey moved to appoint Leo Ferland as the RSU 16 Budget representative. Member Jeremy Storer seconded the motion. Discussion: None

Vote: 6-yes 0-no (1 Abstain – Leo Ferland)

LINE ITEM CHANGES

Revenue

4140 Motor Vehicle Excise – Increase to 1,100,000: Reasoning was that the trend for the past two years has shown us above that amount.

4151 Ambulance McFalls – Decrease to 45,000: Reasoning was that the historical data shows us receiving less than the proposed amount for the past two years.

4300 Garage Bay Maint – Increase to 5,151: This matches the signed contract amount for FY19.

5001 Camp Payback – Decrease to 14,000: BOS consensus based on having \$6,000 go towards scholarships.

Administration

110-01-5110 Other Wages – Increase to 9,580: Reasoning was that the Chairpersons stipend for Selectperson shall be increased \$100 to \$1,100

110-05-5160 Assessing Agent – Increase to 32,500: Reasoning was that we will train our Assessing Assistant for a year with a mentor.

110-05-5355 Payroll Service – Decrease to 0.00: Reasoning was that we will look to balance this line item out if we want to outsource with the Assessing Agent line that may not be completely expended due to our Assessing Assistant taking on more duties towards becoming the Assessor.

Municipal Facilities Reserve

Reduce total amount raised and appropriated from taxation to \$10,000 to cover the Technology Line. The other amounts requested will be funded but from the Town Property Improve from Timber Sales

line. The movement of funds from one line to another will take place at the first meeting of the Selectmen in February.

Revaluation Reserve

Reduce total amount raised and appropriated from taxation to \$15,000. We are still at 100% valuation for the Town and they feel this year is a good year to partially fund this line item and check in with the assessor for a projected date and cost.

ITEMS TO REVIEW

Amortization Schedule for Bonds

OTHER

The Board of Selectpersons will discuss further the CPI, health benefits, assessing agent position, and if any wages need to be increased to bring them in line with the salary survey.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Thursday, January 18th, 6:30 PM at Fire Rescue

Thursday, January 25th, 6:30 PM at Fire Rescue

Thursday, February 1st, 6:30 PM at Fire Rescue

FORWARDED TO NEXT MEETING

None