

12/11/2018 Danbury Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Lynn walker, Brad Winslow, Lenny Ryan, Jessica Hatch, Melissa Suckling, Tim Martin

Absent: Mike Daughn

At Large: Jim Phelps, Les Dion from the TTCC

Meeting started at 6:06 PM

Old Business:

Reviewed minutes from prior meeting of 12/4/2018 with no amendments. Lenny made a motion to accept the minutes, Jess seconded the minutes, with vote for all in favor.

New Business:

TTCC Budget Presentation by Les Dion:

The TTCC is a cooperative programming and the fee is based on the percentage of use by towns. The programming that is included is after school programs, summer camps, adult activities, sports, Santa's Village, etc. She had pamphlets on the activities that are provided for the communities. The TTCC collaborates with the school district regarding grants for the afterschool program, as they had to have a community partner for the grant, at this time the grant is winding down and they are not sure that they will be the recipient of that grant again. Currently they have 65 kids on average that participate in the afterschool program at the TTCC. There are scholarships available to families that may not be able to afford the programming and based on the percentage of a scholarship then the family works off the scholarship by volunteering at the TTCC. Teen Council – currently has 38 members, last year they raised \$20,000 in fundraising to re-do the gym walls. Danbury and Hill have a very low percentage of the budget based on the usage #'s. Les let everyone know she is more than happy to come out anytime to answer questions for the budget or select board.

Budget committee asked the select board rep if they had discussed the option of a full time officer vs. a full time chief position. They have not been able to meet with the police chief at this time due to cancellations, etc.

Update on Highway Situation – at this time the select board has not heard anything from the insurance agency and they are still awaiting more definitive information.

Jim Phelps presented on the transfer station from their presentation to the selectboard due to multiple budget committee meetings being canceled and therefore limiting our ability to meet with Jim Larkin. He said that Jim Larkin presented the budget with the discussion that recycling is costing the town a lot more money, but that if we did away with it we would not be able to make it through a busy Saturday with only one container. The increased cost of recycling will still be less than another entire compactor set-up. Also, when recycling prices adjust we won't have to retrain residents in town to encourage recycling. We currently have one year left on the contract with Waste management and we will need to renegotiate that next year.

The select board also has heard of an increase in electricity rates from Eversource as well.

Future Meetings: 12/18, 12/27, 1/3, and 1/15 all at 6PM; Public Hearing to be held on January 8th with a snow date of January 10th. We discussed for deliberative session being February 7th with a snow date of the 8th @ 7pm. 11th @ 7pm. 10th

Lynn made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lenny seconded the motion, vote with all in favor with meeting adjourned at 7:08PM.