

Budget Committee Meeting December 5, 2018

Meeting brought to start at 6:10 PM

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

Absent: Mike Daughn

Old Business:

Reviewed the minutes from the prior meeting on 11/13/2018. No changes were made. Lenny made a motion to accept the minutes, Lynn seconded the motion, vote with all in favor.

New Business:

Jeremy Cornell from the Highway Department came to present his budget request for 2019. We recently had a fire in the highway department garage and one truck has been totaled and 3 others are out for a more thorough inspection of issues. At this time there are many unknowns with regards to the building, equipment, etc. The select board is working with the insurance company to get the needs of the town met for the winter and then come up with a plan going forward. Other local towns and the State of NH have been very helpful with supplying equipment, employees to help, and garages to work on the current equipment.

They have noted some issues with people taking loads of sand from the highway garage, like 1-ton loads. They are trying to figure out how to get a security system to address this issue.

Jeremy went line by line on his budget to discuss the increases needed in order to feel like he can properly take care of our roads. Increase in phone service due to increase in the internet provider service; medical increase for physicals for CDL licenses and drug testing; Uniforms have a 5% increase in pricing and the boots have increased in prices as well; heating oil as he feels we will be over budget this year; Due for software for the backhoe; General supplies for the supplies for the shop and town as street signs keep disappearing; Vehicle repair for the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the vehicles; equipment purchase to get a new pull saw and chain saw; training to have the employees go to more training for safety; rental & leases for mowing, roller, excavator, chipper, oxygen, stump grinding and blasting for projects around town; Culverts with \$3K for one culvert that needs to be replaced on North Road; Hot Top/Construction to look at paving North Road and some other road projects in town; Sand increase due to being ahead of the sand issue because of increased ice storms that we have been having

We discussed as a budget committee that things may need to change greatly with this budget due to the current state of the unknown for the highway department. We have to have our public budget hearing by January 15th at the very latest date. We discussed the need to keep things moving and to have the select board keep us informed.

Melissa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 PM, seconded by Tim, and vote with all in favor.