

Budget Committee Meeting Thursday August 17, 2017 Minutes:

The meeting commenced at 7:05pm. Committee members present were Lori Mead Chair, Mike Provost, Donna Duquette, Ron Mac Lean, Fred Platts, William Hall, Rob Duquette. No Select Board Members present Minutes from the meeting on July 20TH were accepted; second by Donna Duquette all in favor all yeas.

Work session started reminding Budget Committee members to get in touch with Jennifer to reserve a seat if they were interested for training with the NH Municipal Association (Budget and Finance Workshops). Classes offered Tuesday September 21St. and Tuesday September 26TH.

Discussion with Highway /Road agent Jeff Cantara with the status of the work on the Brook Road Bridge and Knowles Hill Road Bridge. Warrant Article proposal on new sand shed to be built. Jeff mentioned were they would have the shed, purchase of double the sand order for next season it could be purchased at a cheaper fee per ton off season. Also mentioned was the States infrastructure fund spent on paving Bailey Road, recommended by the Town's Road Committee and Selectmen. We all had compliments on the amount of new paving completed on the roads.

Jeff brought up his concerns with the members of the Budget Committee that he may be as much as 30% higher on some of his line item budget requests just to reach his financial goals, anticipating the committee's allotments or maybe cuts. Members of the committee did advise, is that the best interest for the Town?

Police Chief Don Sullivan did address the Committee the status of his Older Cruiser. It may take as much as 4 to 5 thousand dollars to repair the frame and body work on the older Ford Cruiser. He is still looking into another quote for the work. The Chief is checking out figures if that money should be put into another lease for a new vehicle.

Next Budget Committee meeting was scheduled for Thursday September 28TH at 7:00pm. Chair Lori Mead will start a schedule for every other Thursday meetings for the departments to present their budgets. The highway department was scheduled for the September 28TH meeting and the Police department scheduled for the October 12TH's meeting, a list will be generated by Jennifer and Lori to schedule the other departments.

At 8:40pm. A motion to adjourn was made by William Hall second Mike Provost all in favor all yeas.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mike Provost