

## Budget Committee Meeting Thursday September 28, 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. George Tuttle, Select Board Member present Minutes from the meeting on August 17, 2017 were accepted; second by Donna Duquette all in favor all yeas.

Taking a seat in the audience, Michael Provost presented to the Budget Committee his proposed budget for the Health Officer 2018. All line items were the same budgeted figures with the exception of an increase in mileage. Requested was an increase of \$500.00 due to being over budgeted for certification training in the City of Manchester. This year it was an 8 week course. Training and manuals are no charge to the Town. No further questions were asked of the Health Officer.

Jeff Cantara, Road Agent presented his proposed Budget for FY 2018. Some discussion was discussed positive on recent work and pavement to the Town Roads. In questioning Mr. Cantara on percentages and justification on the request for the increase in the Road Agent's salary and the H/W labor increases Jeff became agitated and in discussion he used inappropriate, abusive language. Budget Committee member Ron MacLean asked Jeff if he would please calm down. Being ignored, Mr. MacLean got up from the meeting and stated I'm done; I quit and walked out of the room. During answer and questions with Mr. Cantara he had made personal insults to several Budget Committee members, unprovoked.

Road agent salaries were disused for the surrounding towns by Mr. Cantara but no paper work presentation was presented. Some discussion on other line item increases were presented and agreed to be justified.

Budget Committee member William Hall recommended to the committee that the Road Agent and the Budget Committee meet with the Selectmen to discuss further issues pertaining to salary increases. George Tuttle and all Budget Committee Members agreed. The meeting was then scheduled after the Selectmen's meeting on Tuesday October 3, 2017.

Chair person Lori Mead asked members if they don't mind moving the time earlier for the other meeting's to 6:00pm. The change was unanimous, Jennifer Dosti did make note to notify other department of the start time.

The next Budget Committee meeting was already scheduled for Thursday October 12, 2017 for 6:00pm. Transfer Station and the Police department's presentation.

At approximately 7:45pm a motion to adjourn was made by Donna Duquette, second by William Hall all in favor yeas.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mike Provost