

Budget Committee Meeting Thursday October 26, 2017 Minutes:

The meeting commenced at 6:00 pm. All Committee members were present Lori Mead Chair, Mike Provost, Donna Duquette, William Hall, Fred Platts and Rob Duquette. George Tuttle, Chet Caron Robert Piehier, All Select Board Member's present. Minutes from the meeting on October 12, 2017 were accepted; second by Donna Duquette all in favor all yeas.

First order of business was Budget Committee member Mike Provost made a motion to nominate resident Ed Stroback to replace Ron MacLean's vacancy for the seventh member needed. Seconded by Chair Lori Mead all members were in favor, yeas.

Town Clerk/Tax collector Francine Skiffington presented her budget to the committee. A question was raised by Selectmen George Tuttle in reference to line item (other). Fran explained it was a service she budgeted for FY 2018 the sum of \$4,590.00 for the restoration of old, vital paper records and minutes in her archives. It was a chemical process and only a start of what was needed for the amount of records. No further questions for Fran, good presentation.

Sue Cheney presented the budget for the Cemeteries Department, no change in the budget from last years. Sue presented the budget for the Trustees of the Trust Fund. The same budget was presented from last year. Sue then presented her budget for the Election Administration. Gauging her budget with the elections scheduled for FY 2018 her budget was slightly reduced. Sue's last presentation was the budget for the Supervisors of the Check List (Voter Registration). There was a substantial increase in the line item, Equipment Purchases. Sue explained the need of regulation size H/C Voting Booth which the town was not in compliance with. Purchase and costs at approximately \$1,200.00 was being researched.

Next on board was George Claymen with his Emergency Management Budget, the budget was the same from last years.

George was newly elected to the interim Fire Chief Position he was ready and presented the Fire Departments budget. Basically the request stayed the same from last years. Discrepancies were noted on line items such as workman's comp. Also the CBA lease agreement was not line itemed. Good presentation by George with his new position.

Jeff Cantara was back presenting his Highway Department Budget. Some line item increases were discussed. Examples and explanations were presented by Jeff along with current needs and Warrant Articles.

When discussion came about with Labor wages and the Road Agent's salary, committee member Fred Platts spoke and addressed to the Select Board the need for them to set the standards. Come up with a Labor rate for employees for the wage they earn on "Time in Grade", experience and job title. No further questions for Mr. Cantara .

The Select board Members agreed. They will have some written standards to present to the Budget Committee.

The next Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday November 9, 2017 at 6:00pm.

At 7:45 pm. A Motion to adjourn was made buy Donna Duquette, second by Mike Provost all in favor yeas.

Budget Committee Minutes respectfully submitted by Mike Provost.