

## Budget Committee Meeting Thursday July 6, 2017 Minutes:

The meeting commenced at 7:00pm. Present were Lori Mead (Chair) Mike Provost, Donna Duquette, Rob Duquette, William Hall and Fred Platts. Not present Ron Mac Clean.

First order of business was to vote in an assistant Chairman; Mike Provost nominated by Lori Mead, second by Donna Duquette all in favor all yeas.

The work session began with the Highway budget and the department's issues. Concerns were brought up with the vehicle and equipment's maintenance costs and Knowles Hill Road Bridge. A discrepancy was mentioned on money spent from the prior budget for the bridge which will bring the total more than reported. The Committee wanting to know what roads is on the list for new paving, and the status of Bog Road and recent costs to maintain. Committee was on board with the new Sand Shed tentative for being built.

Discussion was brief but positive for the new Municipal Volunteer Fire Department the new equipment numbers 12 new Scott Air Packs with the additional 12 extra bottles for quick replacement. Leadership, equipment issues and concerns for the future were mentioned and positive.

Police Department budget issues mentioned in the work session. Notice on how active the department has been with arrests and activity. Concerns were mentioned were both cruisers were being driven to the Officers residents the Alexandria Cruiser was responding to calls in Danbury were their Police Chief utilizes our equipment. Should there be any compensation from the Town of Danbury?

Mention from the Committee on the Town or Selectmen to adopt the State Police Department for coverage like the Town of Salisbury NH.. This would save the Town approximately one quarter of a million dollars. Representatives from the State Police and the Town of Salisbury are willing meet with the Select board to discuss their transition. Chairmen Lori Mead did mention to the Committee that she would be at the next Selectman's meeting to discuss the proposal with the Selectmen on the State Police (pro bono).

Mention on the Ambulance Contract with the Town of Bristol. We would like the Selectmen to keep the Committee in the loop before signing a new annual contract with Bristol.

Next Budget Committee meeting Thursday July 20<sup>TH</sup> at 7:00 pm. At approx. 8:30pm. A motion was made by Donna Duquette to adjourn, seconded by William Hall, all in favor all yeas.

Minute's respectfully submitted by Michael Provost