

SELECTBOARD MEETING
January 19, 2017

Present:	Dave Adams Casey Mathieu Dave Tilton	Brent Meacham Nanette Rogers Greg Barrows
Guests:	Nathan Lavallee Steve Willard Dave Lavallee	Bob White Andre Roy

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m.

CHANGES TO AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

ROAD FOREMAN SALARY (Previously headed overtime)

Brent requested this item be on the agenda but he withdrew his request to discuss his salary.

FY'18 BUDGET

An error was discovered in the previous draft budget. The tax rate used was the projected tax rate that was used when developing the FY17 budget not the actual tax rate. The tax rate was corrected which resulted in a slight decrease in the proposed tax rate based on the budget discussed at the last meeting.

Steve Willard was present to discuss budgeting funds for the fire and security system for the town garage and fire department. Life Safety has quoted \$7,950 for fire and \$2,752 for security. Protech quoted \$10,575 for fire and \$2,962 for security. Although Life Safety's quote is less, Steve feels that the Town should select the quote submitted by Protech based on the presentation of the quote (more professional) and the fact that they appear to have a large client base. The Board will include \$15,000 for a fire/security system. The cost of the system will be divided between the Town and Fire Department based upon the percentage of the building each occupies.

Brent had two quotes for installing a new roof on the garage and fire department. Justin Pidgeon quoted \$52,750 and Brad Meunier quoted \$15,000. The Board pointed out that the difference between the two quotes is substantial expressing concern that the smaller quote may not include everything. Brent advised that when he priced out metal siding, he received a figure of \$10,700. He noted that Brad probably gets a discount on the materials. Brent advised that Brad has a crew and it would take three days to do the work. The Board and Brent discussed whether to put funds in the FY'18 budget or do the work now and use the Contingency Fund. Due to the fact that the roof is leaking, the Board felt it would be wise to replace the roof now to avoid further damage. The funds for the roof will be taken from the Contingency Fund. The \$8,000 for the roof that was included in building maintenance was removed.

The Board also decided to use the Contingency Fund to pay for the work that needs to be done to the columns of the town garage rather than push off until FY'18.

After more discussion, the Board decided to level fund building maintenance at \$4,000 and \$1,500 for building improvements.

Andre asked about the \$40,000 budgeted for ditching. He wanted to know why it was being contracted out. Casey advised that the Town is not able to rebuild roads as well as ditch due to the small road crew and the limited time frame when the work can be done. Rather than not do one at all, the Board decided to contract out the ditching. The Town is hopeful it will receive grant funds to offset the cost. Andre asked that the Town communicate with property owners so the property owners know what to expect. It was noted that the ditching work is necessary to comply with the Clean Water Act.

The Board decided to use \$67,500 of the surplus from FY'16 to reduce the amount to be raised by taxes. The total amount budgeted is \$1,829,346. After subtracting the anticipated revenue and the surplus, the amount to be raised by taxes is \$1,514,396, which is a .6% increase in taxes.

TOWN MEETING WARNING

Casey Mathieu made a motion to approve the Town Meeting Warning using the final budget figure of \$1,829,346, seconded by Dave Tilton. Motion passed: 3-0.

HIRING A ROAD CREW MEMBER

The Road Crew is down one member due to a shooting accident. The employee is expected to be out for an extended amount of time, if he can return at all. Brent is reviewing applications submitted last year when the former members left. The position will be advertised as temporary full-time.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

David E. Adams, Chair
Selectboard

Nanette Rogers
Town Administrator