



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 21, 2009

Members Present: Brian Kellogg, Todd Yando, Dave Yacovone, Bob Beeman and Min Cote.

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, TA; Carol Bradley, Finance Director; Bob Melfy, Highway Superintendent; Richard Keith, Police Chief.

Guests: Chris Ransom and Steve Rae.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00PM in the Tegu Building Community Meeting Room by Brian Kellogg, Chair.

I. Agenda Changes, Announcements & Additions

1. None

II. BUDGET REVIEW

1. **Total Budget Review-** discussed the overall budget and the fact that it is \$131,558 less than last year. This amount does not include any paving. In the past, we have tried to keep the tax rate fairly even from year to year. It is upsetting to the tax payers to have a large increase one year to make up for having a lower tax rate the year before. It is better to keep the budget as level as possible. The possibility of not borrowing to buy the new dump truck was discussed. The amount saved on interest to do this is not significant because the Town receives a 2 or 3% interest rate because we are a municipality.

Min handed out information regarding the costs of plowing the parking lots not owned by the Town. There was much discussion about the Town plowing these lots and which ones we should plow. The costs of most of the parking lots are not significant; however, the Union Bank parking lot that the Town leases from the bank for a dollar a year, costs approximately \$9,500 per year to plow, sand and line stripe. Min felt that members of the public utilize that lot and therefore, the Town should pay for some of the maintenance; however, the lot has a lot of Union Bank employees and customers. Min thought it would be a good idea to ask the Union Bank to pay for half of the plowing, sanding and line striping. Dan will have a discussion with the Union Bank about this and report back next Selectboard meeting. The school lot maintenance was also discussed. The school pays \$18,600 per year for plowing. It is estimated that the cost for their parking lot is approximately \$10,000 more than that. Dan will talk to the school and ask them to increase their budget for plowing by \$10,000. At the next Selectboard meeting, Dan will let the board know what the school is willing to do to address this issue.

The issues left from the budget to discuss are the paving, the Zoning/Planner costs, and the digitization expense.

We need to have a final budget by no later than January 11th as we need to get it ready for publication in the Town Report.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Change Order for Bridge Railing – The wooden posts on the northwest side of the bridge next to Bournes fell apart when they were removed. The cost to replace this railing was not part of the construction proposal. T. Buck has proposed to split the cost of installing a galvanized railing with us. Our costs would be \$1,205.00.

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Bob Beeman to split the cost of the railing with T. Buck for an amount of \$1,205.00 each. Motion approved. (5/0)

1. ADJOURN

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Bob Beeman to adjourn meeting at 7:05PM. Motion approved. (5/0)

Respectfully submitted and filed this 22th day of December
Tina Sweet for Erica Reed, Administrative Assistant

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