



SELECTBOARD MINUTES

DECEMBER 12, 2002

Members Present: Brian Greenia, Mark Struhsacker, Shaun Bryer and Lee Sturtevant
Members Absent: James Paige

Department Heads: Paul D. McGinley, TA

Guests: Wayland Wells

Chair Brian Greenia called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM at the Morristown Municipal conference room.

BUDGET OVERVIEW:

Chair Greenia reminded everyone of the ongoing reappraisal. The Board's main objective for this meeting was to trim the budget. As a Board, they were in agreement that as the leaders of the community, they should do whatever they could to reduce the budget, in anticipation of the *unknown affects* that reappraisal will have on residential taxes.

Wayland Wells arrived, but it was determined that the meeting he wished to attend was at the Morrisville Water & Light Facility, so he left shortly afterward.

As the Selectboard had discussed at the previous meeting, each member had noted where he thought cuts could be made in the budget. As the Board reviewed the budget line-item by line-item, if anyone had a notation beside an account for consideration to be cut, they would discuss the item and decide accordingly. The Town Administrator reported that the Fiscal Services office had received the new figures from VLCT and had updated the employee benefits figures, as well as there had been changes made in connection with the sidewalk and Planning grants that the T.A. had made in the original budget. However, from the sheets dated 12/11/02 the Board did the following.

After calculating all changes made in each department's expenses including the benefit changes, the breakdown is as follows: Rescue (\$10,924); Highway (\$43,551); Fire (\$7,434); Police +\$28,161; General Government (\$92,935) and the revenue changes were: Rescue +\$1,000; Police +\$7,339; General Government +\$2,400 and Other Financing +\$4,000.

The largest cuts included Highway equipment, overtime for the fulltime Rescue employee, additional \$11,000 request from the Library and funding to continue the Municipal Facility needs.



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After much consideration, the Selectboard agreed to incorporate all requests that were listed in separate articles last year and include them with the requests listed in Article 16 in last years report. The requests discussed included Lamoille Home Health, Pleasant View Cemetery, The Fireworks request, the 4th of July and the Library requests.

Other discussion included the issue of how the replacement of the Bobcat was handled with the MWWTF, numbering of the Budget sheets, even if by department, insurance rebates from VLCT, reserved permit fees and radio issues at MRS.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Lee Sturtevant, seconded by Shaun Bryer, the Selectboard adjourned at 9:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted and filed this 16th day of December.
Barbara Cochran, Scribe

Minutes to be presented for approval at the next regular Selectboard meeting.

Barbara Cochran
Minutes Approved

12/16/02
Date