

Selectmen Meeting, Wednesday, Jan. 2, 1991

Present: Bill Suydam, Chairman, Edwin Rowehl, Donald Phelps, Ralph Brooks, Police Chief, Betty Shaw. Marsha Morrow, Pet. Transcript.

Phil Dwight, Dave Penny, Jan Boatright, Gordan Allen, Chairman Steve Crowell, Members of the newly formed budget committee, Judy Giffin, Alternate member.

Meeting called to order at 7:30

Don asked why Judy was to be an alternate for the budget committee since it should be a one month commitment. Two of the members will be away sometime before the Town Meeting, the alternates will fill in during their absence.

Dave asked what the charge of the committee will be. It is expected the committee will review the budgets as submitted by the department heads. Have any questions regarding the formation of the budget answered by the department heads. Present what they see as a fair budget to the selectmen who will then review it and make the final decision. Selectmen will present the budget along with the committee at Town meeting.

Dates for all information to be to the press in order to have the Town Report by the due date of March 4th was discussed. All information will be due by the 11th of February. Selectmen reserve the right to approve the final budget.

Phil mentioned the committee will be striving for a Tax rate and the Warrant Articles will have an effect on the rate. The Committee will have no say on warrant articles as they are left for the public to vote each one as they see fit. There will be some warrant articles. One for the replacement of Liberty Farm bridge, an emergency action plan for the Gregg Lake Dam which is due by 1992 and whatever funds are to go into the capital reserve funds. Most other requests come in sometime in January. Closing date for receipt of warrant articles is February 5th.

The effect of the school budget on the tax rate was brought up. Since the Selectmen can not control the school budget, the committee is being asked to review the Town Budget only.

Dave said it would help if the selectmen set up deadline for the committee. Monday, January 7th, the selectmen will review all they have ready for the budget and present it to the committee on Tuesday. If the committee can have it to the selectmen by the 21st, a public hearing will be set up on the 23rd. 7:30 PM. This will allow for others to have input into the budget. The committee agreed to this time frame.

Information on the budgets which the committee will receive next week will contain salary figures with no increases.

Dave asked what authority the committee has with the department heads. The committee will be just proposing a budget, and hope they can come to an agreement with the department heads.

Jan pointed out that it may be possible since the State mandated the increase in retirement cost to the Town, they should contribute to the increase. Some Towns are having warrant articles to this effect. (Hillsboro)

Landfill budget will be needed. What will be the closure requirements?

Ralph Brooks, Police Chief, gave a review of what he has been doing his first day on the job.

A second means of egress for the police office was discussed. The selectmen agreed to request bids from Steve Schacht, Todd Bryer, and Dan Valley. A solid wood door can be purchased from Village Discount in Hillsobro.

The Fire Chief is to seek quotes for repairs and or replacement of the cracked burner at the fire station.

Don moved to accept the minutes of Dec. 26 Second, Ed. All in favor so moved.

Bill moved to go into executive session personnel matter.
RSA:91:A3.

Meeting reconvened.

Ed moved to accept the minutes of November 5, second Bill so moved.

Bill talked to Harry on Monday regarding his request to be appointed as an alternate member of the ZBA.

Don moved to appoint Harry as an alternate. No second.

Draft of ad for emergency action plan to go into the Manchester Union Leader for two days.

Lease for Shea Field required for Warrant.

Selectmen's Advisory Board will be meeting on the 16th.

Meeting adjourned 9:55

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