

2015 BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

January 13, 2015

At the Gorham Town Hall at 6:00 pm

Members Present: Mike Waddell, Glen Eastman, Robert Demers, Dan McCrum, Diane Bouthot, Terry Oliver, Reuben Rajala, Patrick Lefebvre

Others: Town Manager Frost, Denise Vallee, Grace Lapierre, Rick Eichler, Chad Miller, PJ Cyr, Dana Horne

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Review and accept minutes from the Budget Committee Meeting held on January 6, 2015:

A Motion to Accept the meeting Minutes of January 8, 2015 was made by Glen with a second from Terry, all were in favor.

Action items from January 8, 2015 meeting that still need to be provided:

- A. Outside EMS Contracts with background information from TM Frost, hard copies
- B. Complete roster of fulltime and part time Police Officers, EMS personnel, and Fire Dept, and their titles, hard copies
- C. The Cascade playground town/mill agreement
- D. Total fuel consumption and mileage for the past three years from the Fire Dept., Police Dept., and EMS Dept., hard copies

Action list from January 13, 2015 meeting:

- A. EMS roster of personnel and how many hours each worked in 2014, hard copies
- B. Revolving Fund information for the Highway Dept. from Denise, hard copies
- C. Highway Capital Reserve information with correct figures from Denise
- D. Hard copies of Chad's presentation for the Budget Committee to have in hand
- E. Hard copies of the EMS outside contracts and associated spreadsheets and other documentation.

Unresolved budget issues:

- A. Capital Reserve Highway; long term solutions. Need to reevaluate the 10 year plan and add correct figures.

Discussion regarding action items:

The Chair and Budget Committee members are all in favor of the above-listed Action List items from the January 8th and January 13th meetings. TM Frost and Denise will see to it that all information requested above is given in hand to the Chair and all Committee members in a respectable amount of time.

Public Works Budget review:

Austin Holmes, Public Works Director presented his 2015 budget. No major changes other than the increase in salt prices for the 2015 year. The Public Works Director is not planning on making any major vehicle purchases in the year 2015. No big projects are planned at this time other than if the Tinker Brook project gets approved.

General review:

A general discussion and review by the budget committee members of the budget that was presented tonight. The Chair asked TM Frost if she could give a brief overview of the Selectmen's Meeting that was held on 1/12/15 regarding the purchase of a new fire truck. TM Frost explained to the committee that there will be no purchase of a new fire truck unless they receive the appropriate amount of grant money. She did state that \$44,000.00 will be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for said new fire truck purchase. The Committee identified a number of unanswered questions and expressed concerns that they had regarding the Town garage new roof proposal and where it stands regarding funding and construction beginning date. The Chair also

asked the TM to confer with the Town Assessor regarding who owns the property in Cascade Flats where the playground once was. She will look into this information and get back to the Committee at the next meeting. The Tinker Brook issue was discussed once again; the Chair wanted to know the exact breakdown of the funds we have on hand for the project. He was told there is approximately 75,000.00 in the Capital Outlay line and \$75,000.00 in the pavement line. The suggestion was made to have \$100,000.00 appropriated out of the Fund Balance to help with the costs of the project. Robin will write a Warrant to include this information.

The Committee also had questions regarding repairing Stony Brook road repairs and appropriating the funds.

Old Business:

New Business:

The next Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for January 15th at 6:00 p.m. which will include the budget review for the 2014 Fourth Quarter, Capital Reserves/Finance, Tax Collector, & Assessing Dept.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn was made by Bob with a second from Diane. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

APPROVED AS IS ON 1/15/16