

2015 BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

January 29, 2015

At the Gorham Town Hall at 6:00 pm

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

Others: Grace LaPierre, Selectman

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

Review and accept minutes from the Budget Committee Meeting held on January 26, 2015: Discussion was had regarding the "draft Minutes", Bob Demers requested a change in the minutes. The Chair suggested he send his recommendation via email to be incorporated in the minutes of January 26, 2015. The Board then passed over the Minutes until the next meeting. A Motion was made To pass over the Minutes of 1/26/15 Until Amended ,by Dan with a second by Reuben. All were in favor.

Continuation of EMS Budget Review:

EMS Director, Chad Miller was on hand to answer several unanswered questions that the committee still had. Chad answered the questions to the best of his knowledge and the Committee was satisfied. After Chad was finished with his presentation, he was questioned about his duties as the Emergency Management Director. The Chair presented a map which showed the streets and areas that would be in danger if the Moose River flooded. A Geomorphological Assessment Review done by HEB Engineers for the Moose River Berm was also handed out for review. A discussion which included questions regarding funding and construction plans and what is currently being done about the Moose River and the current problems with flooding and what precautions are being taken now. Chad stated he was not prepared to answer the questions at this time and would need to look into the situation further.

Discussion/General review:

The Committee members felt satisfied with Chad's presentation and answers regarding EMS. There were no further questions for him. The Committee is still very concerned about outside contracts not being signed by the time of this meeting. The Chair was assured that the negotiations would be complete before the Public Hearing on February 10, 2015. The library budget was also brought up for discussion amongst the Committee. It was suggested that the library generate revenue by charging non-local members a yearly fee. The Chair stated this could only be suggested. The Committee then began the review of the MS-737. They agreed that the operating costs have been consistent. All members were in favor of passing the 2015 Budget as presented by the Selectmen. Diane was not in favor of the Library Budget.

WARRANT ARTICLES:

The Chair asked that the an Article be created to reduce the Budget Committee membership to from ten to nine at large members.

Old Business:

None

Motion to adjourn was made by Glen with a second from Terry, all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm