

**MINUTES OF THE SELECT BOARD & ADVISORY BUDGET
COMMITTEE BUDGET WORKSHOP**

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Board & committee members present: Chairman Bugbee, Selectman LaCourse and Selectman Brown, ABC Chairwoman Alice MacKinnon, Pat Barbour, Cord Blomquist

Others present: Town Administrator Julie Glover, Randy Stevens, Roger Rice,

1. Chairman Bugbee calls the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and turns the budget presentations over to Chairwoman Alice MacKinnon.
2. Chairwoman Alice MacKinnon introduces Randy Stevens for Highway Department Budget presentation. Mr. Stevens shows photos of various projects that the highway department has completed this year. He states that there hasn't been much change in the proposed budget, maybe a couple dollars less. They still have 3 or 4 years of sand left. Warren Hatch and Mr. Stevens received their road salt certification. Chestnut Way off of Hayes Road was paved yesterday; therefore, they will probably be plowing that this winter. That adds a half a mile to the plow route which equals about 15 minutes. The subdivisions are not private roads in Lee per the Planning Board. The Town has not accepted Chestnut Way as of yet. The Board asks Randy to investigate fitting another playing field in down at LRP.

Mr. Stevens thinks they may want to think about two possible warrant articles; one for a new plow truck \$180,000 and one to finish remaining field at LRP \$5,000.

Mr. Stevens presents a few questions for consideration. Should the Highway Department continue to do maintenance and burials at the cemeteries or should it be hired out? Should they do the field maintenance at the fields at LRP or continue to hire it out? Should the Town privatize all the roadwork and do away with the Highway Department? Should the Town use more salt to keep up with what other towns are using? Should the Town hire a Public Works Director?

Mr. Stevens goes through the highlights of his budget with PowerPoint slides for Salt Prices, Equipment Hours, Equipment Inventory, Diesel Fuel Cost, Gas & Diesel, Salt Purchased and Paving Schedule.

3. Roger Rice goes through the Transfer Station budget. The Board has a question with regards to his FT and PT wages for FY16 and FY17. They ask Mr. Rice to double check those figures. The Board asks Mr. Rice to reduce his cell phone reimbursement line from \$1080 to \$360. The Board asks the TA to provide a list to them of who gets the cell phone reimbursement and who does not. There is a discussion with regards to what to do with the Swap Shop. The electric bill for the Swap Shop is \$2400 per year (electric heat). Chairman Bugbee asks Mr. Rice to ask Mr. Stevens what it would cost to put an extension off the Baler Building. Chairman Bugbee asks the TA to look into other electric suppliers other than Eversource and the NH Electric Coop. Selectman Brown asks Mr. Rice what he has for New Equipment this year that he is asking \$6000 for. He says he does not have a list of new equipment. TA asks why the proposed budget is \$6000 when FY17 was \$4500. Mr. Rice will get a list of possible new equipment with costs. Tipping fees will probably be \$68/ton for this next year which will be \$72,000. After the Lamprey Coop meeting he will have final number for hauling and closure costs.

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Chairman Bugbee asks for clarification on the CFC lines. Mr. Rice states that CFC removal in TS is for equipment and containers and the Fluorocarbons CFC removal is for Freon. Chairman Bugbee asks about the Conference & Travel line where he spent -0- last year but is asking for \$400. Mr. Rice states that they all go to the conference and the bill must have been allocated to the wrong line.

4. Cord Blomquist is representing the Heritage Commission. He did not prepare a formal budget because the Heritage Commission is not requesting any money this year.
5. Chairman Bugbee hands out information with regards to Trust Fund Accounts for review. There is a general discussion surrounding the future tax rate and the Fund Balance.
6. Chairman Bugbee makes **motion** to adjourn at **8:30pm**. Selectman LaCourse so moves.

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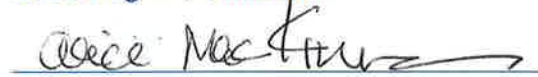
Denise Duval, Town Secretary

10/26/16
Date

Minutes accepted by The Lee Select Board and
the Advisory Budget Committee:



Scott Bugbee, Chairman


Alice MacKinnon, Chairwoman