

NEW DURHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Budget Workshop
New Durham Town Hall
January 4, 2017, 1:00p.m.

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Present:

Chair David Bickford
Selectman David Swenson
Selectman Gregory Anthes

Also Present:

Carter Terenzini, Interim Town Administrator

Chair Bickford called the meeting to order at 1:00p.m.

Roads Program

The Capital Improvement Program has recommended \$331,000 which is a bit more than what is normally spent. While specific projects may vary the idea was to concentrate on the bottom line. There was discussion of future years and the sustainability of the investment for future years. Interim Town Administrator Carter Terenzini suggested buying time with a new RSMS and Gravel Study with the ability to lay out a plan. Interim Town Administrator Carter Terenzini stated the key is to pick a number, and increase it incrementally and sustainably, and then phase into it. Interim Town Administrator Carter Terenzini laid out a sustainable 3-year plan. There was discussion of how to lay out the plan. Selectman Anthes was concerned this maintains the taxation levels while it had been the intent to try to reduce taxation. Selectman Anthes is looking for more flexibility in use of taxation but Interim Town Administrator Carter Terenzini pointed out the NH Department of Revenue Administration has to approve the wording.

Selectman Swenson made a motion to approve for FY 2016, a road investment program of \$300,000 to be funded from the Highway Block Grant of \$108,000 and \$143,000 from taxation and the balance from the Road Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund, #4301. Chair Bickford seconded the motion. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

Shirley Forest Trust

The FY 2015 monies had not been expended nor were they encumbered and carried over. The plantings still need to be done. The consensus was to include a similar warrant article for FY 2016.

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It needs to be double-checked who has authority to expend this fund. The Board of Selectmen can spend the grant after acceptance and then from the trust fund.

Police Department

Selectman Swenson reviewed a draft proposal from the Budget Committee Chair to be reviewed later this week. The consensus was to await the Budget Committee decision before weighing in.

Capital Improvement Program

There was discussion on whether or not to include any planned expenditures from trust funds.

Meeting House

There was discussion of foundation repairs (full pinned, poured foundation versus trench and field stone) which are not estimated at \$100,000. The price did not include re-installing the clapboard siding. With the coming FY 2016 contribution to the CRF and the \$13,000 grant there should be about \$75,000 toward the effort. The contractor felt the building could go another year. The question becomes whether to wait or go for some extra money for a FY 2016 project. Selectman Anthes is concerned the building would not be fully weather tight. He feels they really need to make sure the siding is reinstalled and painted. Selectman Swenson would like the Meeting House Committee to weigh-in as to adding monies to the contribution could come from the unassigned fund balance. He would like to see the end result be a pristine exterior. The consensus was to add \$35,000 for a total Capital Reserve Fund contribution of \$45,000 with \$10,000 from taxation and \$35,000 from the unassigned fund balance. This now removes \$10,000 from the previously approved contribution to the CRF. Interim Town Administrator Carter Terenzini will refer their recommendation to the Meeting House Committee for comment.

Warrant Article

Chair Bickford brought up the possible warrant article to see if the Town wanted to elect the Budget Committee and Zoning Board of Adjustment. The consensus was to hold for tonight's business meeting.

Adjourn

Selectman Swenson made a motion to adjourn. Selectman Anthes seconded the motion. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Riel, Recording Secretary