

TOWN OF TAMWORTH
PLANNING BOARD
WORK SESSION

JANUARY 30, 2008

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MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

Members Present: Dom Bergen, Herb Cooper, Tom Cleveland, David Goodson, David Cluff, Steve Gray. Selectmen Present; Willie Farnum, Tom Abugelis, John Roberts.

Herb Cooper - Discussion tonight is about the information collected by the Capital Improvement Committee on the Highway Department Budget. This committee worked with Bruce Robinson to compile a list of equipment needed now and with the Selectmen to come up with viable alternatives for the town needs. Does the Town continue on with things the way they are - an elected road agent and renting equipment, buildings etc. or should we propose a new program of lease purchase or outright purchase of our own equipment?

Selectman Farnum presented an in depth financial breakdown and explanation of the towns 3 options and where monies can be saved. The 3 options are: 1.Renting ; 2.Lease Purchase; 3.Purchase outright.

At the present time the town is renting the bldg. and renting the equipment from Bruce Robinson and other independent contractors when needed.

To lease purchase or purchase - the town would need to purchase land to build a town garage and a sand/salt building. With this option we would be more independent also the road agent position would be an appointed position rather than an elected one.

Attached is a spread sheet showing the present expenditures and the projected expenditures should we vote to lease purchase/purchase. There would be a savings if the town leased purchased/purchased our own equipment.

The Police Dept. budget was discussed. They have a \$10,000 grant under Homeland Security Act (Car 54) for new equipment but need a new patrol vehicle to use the grant. The patrol vehicle will be on the warrant.

Motion to adjourn at (8:30 pm) by T. Cleveland. Seconded by D. Goodson. Vote was unanimous in favor.

Yvonne Staples recording secretary