

Advisory Budget Committee

November 5, 2018

Present:

Zach Remick, Madeline Siniscalchi, Casslyn Cook, Melanie Streeter, Rachel Johnson, Jim Hidden

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm

4:00 pm Highway Department - Richard Roberts, Dept. Head 4312.20

Currently there are 4 full time (including Department Head) that work for the Highway Department. There is 1 part time person that works 1 day per week, his time is split between the Transfer Station and Highway Department.

Department Head stated he would like to amend his budget line for road construction from \$250,000 to \$240,000. He felt that he could work well with the reduced amount.

Questions from the Committee regarding shoveling the sidewalks in Chocorua. The cost per storm is \$1000.00. This job did go out to bid.

Department Head gave information on cell phones. Only two people in the Highway Department currently have Town cell phones, town office recently learned that a third cell phone was eliminated.

New equipment recently delivered: dump truck

CIP: \$625,000.00 Bunker Hill Bridge - Department Head reported that a box culvert could not be used.

4:30 - 5:00 review of additional information requested from Town Office

5:00 pm Fire/Rescue - Richard Colcord, Fire Wards - Harry Remick, Jim Bowles 4220

Questions included:

Concerns were raised regarding the increase for the part time help (Incidental Salary) from \$5,000 to \$7,500.00. Department Head stated he likes this extra help because he is so far behind with his other duties.

There is no specific job description for this rather a list of possible duties to assist the Fire Chief.

The Committee asked who is certified in the Fire Department to do building inspections. The Chief, one of the Fire Wards and another person on the fire department. There are about 100 inspections done a year. Currently these inspections are not up to date.

Cell phones were discussed for the fire department and rescue. The ABC will request additional information from the Selectmen's office regarding cell phones.

The ABC was informed on how the volunteer incentive wages were determined. The Department Head stated that his figures for these payments never seem to match the Finance Officer figures.

The fire/rescue is asking for an increase in their total budget of \$39,560.00

Jim Bowles, Fire Ward stated that there would a warrant article to appropriate the sum of \$430,000 for a new fire truck. The funds that were appropriated over the last two years will go to the general fund. The warrant article will state some of the funds for the fire truck will come out of the general fund and the rest will comes from taxes.

Office supplies are requested through the Town Office.

Motion to adjourn made by Zach to approve meeting minutes dated October 24, 2018, seconded by Casslyn, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm

Next meeting Wednesday November 7, 2018 at 4:00 pm.