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Selectmen's Meeting 5:00pm
Town Office

Thursday, December 20, 2018

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Gray, Selectmen Ricker, Farnum and Mason, Welfare Director Clyne, EDC Chairman Farley, Road Agent Roberts, Fire Chief Colcord, Asst. Fire Chief Bowles, Fire Ward Hartley, Advisory Budget Committee members Cook, Streeter and Johnson, Finance Director Estabrook, Town Administrator McWhirter and several members of the public.

Selectmen Ricker left the meeting at 6:30pm.

Chairman Gray opened the meeting for budget reviews at 5:00pm.

General Assistance (4440)

- Welfare Director Clyne was present to discuss the General Assistance budget. Chris Clyne reviewed the increase in the hourly rate, with a reduction in hours per week. After some discuss the board and Chris agreed to reduce the electricity line by \$1,000.

Economic Development Commission (4197.10)

- EDC Chairman Farley discussed the breakdown in the EDC budget and reduced the overall proposed budget by \$1,765.
- Pat Farley asked to encumber \$450 for Rosie's Restaurant for luncheon in March and April 2019, \$626.00 for Tri fold brochures and \$1,229.23 for Business listing book both printed by Minuteman Press.

Highway (4312)

- Road Agent Roberts says he can trim his budget, but also stated that his time line for getting projects completed will be impacted by these cuts. He feels he can safely cut \$53,150 from his operating budget, put off the purchase of the pickup truck and he feels he can begin plowing the fire stations and police station beginning the winter of 2019. He was surprised at the cost of the plowing contract for this year. Mr. Roberts feels strongly that the repairs to the Bunker Hill Bridge cannot be postponed any further. He would like to see a warrant article for \$300,000 voted on this year.

Fire/Rescue (4220.20)

- Fire Chief Colcord reviewed his budget line by line and was able to trim over \$55,000. He provided a lengthy written report for the cuts to the board.

Fire Department Other (4220.30)

- The board discussed with the Fire Chief the need for a Memorandum of Understanding for the fire tower.

Emergency Management (4290)

- The town office, police department and EM generator will stay in EM budget.

Board of Selectmen (4130)

- Selectman Farnum suggested reducing the Selectmen's salaries by \$500 and reduced the total budget by \$1,100.

Town Office (4194.10)

- Town Administrator McWhirter reviewed the budget and was able to reduce the overall budget by \$7,530. Funds for new cabinets and replacement of the carpet in the administration office will be encumbered.

The telephone and cell phone contracts should be reviewed for 2019.

- SIGNATURE FILE:
 - Chairman Gray made a motion to approve and sign the corrected payroll manifest dated December 11, 2018. The motion was seconded by Selectman Farnum and passed (3-0).
 - Chairman Gray made a motion to approve and sign an intent to cut for 204-2 of Mountain Road. The motion was seconded by Selectman Farnum and passed unanimously.
 - Chairman Gray made a motion to approve and sign the timber tax warrant for 412-30 in the amount of \$2,287.72. The motion was seconded by Selectman Farnum and passed unanimously.
 - Chairman Gray made a motion to approve and sign a letter to the PUC along with other Lakes' Region Communities regarding the 4gLTE Cell Service Coverage Maps. The motion was seconded by Selectman Farnum and passed unanimously.
- ADJOURNMENT: At 7:40pm, Selectman Farnum made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Selectman Mason and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene McWhirter
Town Administrator

Steve Gray

Daniel Poirier

Aaron Ricker

William Farnum

Rebecca Mason