

Budget SELECTBOARD MEETING

January 17, 2012 – 6:00 p.m.

Treas/AA Office

Attendance: Carol Olsen
Erik Anderson
Jack Johnson
Jane Cushman
Nolan LaFrancis – Water/Sewer
John Parker – Rec Committee
Heidi Allen Goodrich
John Upham – Fire Chief

1. Adjustments to Agenda
 - a. Fire District – New Business
2. Approve Minutes to the January 3, 2012 meeting – Carol moved and Jack seconded the motion to approve the minutes as written. So moved.
3. Public Concerns
 - a. Skating Rink – concerns that lights should be tilted so not as bright for drivers on VT Rte 110– John Parker acknowledged that this issue has already been addressed. There have also been citizens questioning the usage of the skating rink. There are organized hockey games on certain days, other than that the rink is available for use by others.
 - b. FBA – Carol has had calls from Tunbridge Fire Chief and Tunbridge Selectboard member expressing concerns that Chelsea is dropping the joint meeting. Carol assured them that this is not happening but that Chelsea wishes to gather information before proceeding.
4. Water Department
 - a. Rate Structure – One meter was not working when meters were read. Nolan will repair that meter. Jane will organize necessary information to send to Ashley.
 - b. Budget – The proposed water and sewer budgets were reviewed. The water administration budget had to be increased to cover the billing software changes to work with the rate structure change. Nolan requested a 3% raise in pay for he, Mike Whipple, Rick Ackerman and Brian Lamson. Jack moved and Carol seconded the motion to set the water budget at \$52,700 and the sewer budget at \$114,100. So moved.
 - c. Other
5. Roads
 - a. Budget – See Below under Old Business
 - b. Other – Erik has had compliments for the condition of the roads.
6. Town Clerk
 - a. Budget – See Below under Old Business
 - b.
7. Old Business
 - a. Budget – The Board worked on the budget and will resume work on Tuesday, January 24th. Jack moved and Carol seconded the motion to give all town employees and the Town Clerk a 3% raise, the Treasurer still collects 1% of taxes collected. So moved.
 - b. First Branch Ambulance – Tabled for more information

- c. Animal Control Officer – Jack moved and Carol seconded the motion to accept Peg Pelckmann’s resignation but will authorize her to fulfill the duties until Town Meeting. So moved. Jane will place an ad in The Herald for a replacement.
- d. Heath Field Permit – Erik discussed the DRB meeting for the Town floodplain permits. The hearing was recessed until March 14, 2012 to give the Selectboard time to develop plans to address the issues. Jack will do some design work and get estimates to raise the fuel tank and salt shed to 1 foot above base flood elevation.
- e. Rec Committee - John attended the meeting to address the handling of issuing Rec Committee money. In the future, the Rec Committee will send minutes of their meetings and reports for improved communication. The town treasurer should sign checks. John announced a winter skating party on February 18th at 1:00.
- f. Other

8. New Business

- a. Flea Market Use of Commons – Erik moved and Carol seconded the motion to allow the Flea Market Council to use the North and South Commons Friday afternoon, July 13th from 3:00 p.m. through the evening of July 14, 2012 until 9:00 p.m. for the annual Chelsea Flea Market. So moved.
- b. Town Meeting Warning – Jack moved and Carol seconded the motion to sign the warning for Town Meeting. So moved.
- c. Fire District – John Upham informed the Selectboard that the Fire District has applied for a federal grant to replace a 1982 truck. If they do not get the grant, he let the Selectboard know that in 2013 the Fire District would be coming to the town for help in replacing this truck. He also discussed a feasibility study to acquire land for future expansion. Carol moved and Jack seconded the motion to enter executive session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. So moved. Exited at 7:20 p.m. No action taken.
- d. Other – John Upham inquired about dialog between the Schoolboard and the Selectboard regarding a generator for the gym in case there is a need for an emergency shelter.

9. Adjournment – Carol moved and Jack seconded the motion to adjourn at 10:15 p.m. So moved. A special budget meeting will be warned for Tuesday, January 24th.