

TOWN OF ACWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Budget Committee
Approved Meeting Minutes of February 01, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall, 13 Town Hall Rd, Acworth, NH 03601

BUDGET COMMITTEE PRESENT: Judy Aron, Jennifer Bland, Conan Cook, Claudia Istel, Susan Metsack, Cheryl Sanctuary

BOARD OF SELECTMAN PRESENT: Kathi Bradt

OTHERS PRESENT: Charlotte Comeau Administrative Assistant, Glenn Elessor, Mark Girard

CALL TO ORDER FOR MEETING: Susan Metsack called the meeting to order at 07:00PM

Previous Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved.

The Budget Committee reviewed the email that CC sent and JB responded to.

CC proposed we use CIP money continue with flood repairs. (300,000 +200,000) as well as money that was obtained through the sale of land in Acworth as opposed to taking the 1million bond. He has concerns about when and how much FEMA will reimbursement.

There are concerns from others about taking and recommending a bond as we would have used our line of credit against the values of the town and what happens if we have another disaster.

JA advised the committee that the State is offering a no interest loan and could possibly be forgiven, and she is going to investigate where the state is at with this process, and would Acworth be able to apply for this as well as what the time frame would be to obtain loan.

CC would like to look at the holding off on top coating the rest of Cold Pond and suggested that we use the money to focus on other roads that need repairs such as Forest Rd, Derry Hill, CC is worried about the cost to complete the repairs as well as the engineer's cost and is concerned about how we will complete all these projects and get them done and pay the loan off.

There is a lot of talk between committee members about the flood and FEMA and the concern about reimbursement as well as keeping moving forward with completion of the projects, replacing FUND balance, and maintaining the rest of roads so that we don't have other roads deuterate from not keeping up with reg road maintenance.

The committee voted on the following warrant articles:

Article 9 – Was recommend by the unanimously and approved by the committee.

Article 10 – Was not recommended but the committee.

Article 11 – Was recommended unanimously approved by the committee.

Article 12 – Was recommend unanimously and approved by the committee.

The School Budget Deliberative session will be held on 09 February 2023.

In the next Budget Committee meeting and public hearing will be held on 08 Feb the committee will vote on any remaining articles.

Next Meeting is February 08, 2023, 07:00PM

Meeting Adjourned: 08:47 PM Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Bland