

MINUTES *approved minutes*

Budget Committee Meeting: January 16, 2020

Present: Judy Aron, Jennifer Bland, Conan Cook, Rob DeValk, Claudia Istel, Sue Metsack, Cheryl Sanctuary

Public: Brenda Melius, Gary Baber

Meeting began: 7:00PM (SM)

1. Minutes: Motion RD/JB to approve, passed.
2. Gary Baber reviewed AVFR budget which totals \$55,500 and made a budget request of \$55,000. The request included \$10,000 for a capital reserve fund (CRF) to purchase a truck in 2030. There were questions concerning the Company's contract with the post office, the current roster and fundraising efforts. BM asked whether the Company had developed a dissolution plan. Discussion indicated past records are inconclusive and that it has not recently been addressed. It was noted that could be an issue if the Town begins to pay into a CRF. There was a question as to whether the Town can establish a CRF for the purpose of the Company's truck purchase thereby maintaining control of the funds. GB and the Committee indicated that could be an acceptable solution and a recommendation from the State Department of Revenue is needed.
3. RD reviewed the highway department and road projects budgets. The highway budget is down due to a decrease in full time permanent personnel and the road projects budget follows recommendations published in the Capital Improvement Plan. It was noted the 2020 Selectmen's proposed budget is lower than 2019 with no major purchases making the warrant fairly simple.
4. Calendar: SM suggested planning to vote on warrant articles by January 29 to be ready for a public hearing February 12.

Meeting adjourned: Motion JA/CI 8:45PM, passed.