

MINUTES *approved minutes*

Budget Committee Meeting: January 8, 2019

Present: Jennifer Bland, Judy Aron, Sue Metsack, Conan Cook, Linda Christie, Bruce Bascom, Rob DeValk

Public:

Meeting began: 7:00PM (SM)

1. Minutes January 2: Motion RD/LC to approve, passed.
2. RD answered questions regarding road projects and highway including:
 - a. Beryl Mountain Road is scheduled for drainage with 2018 encumbered and 2019 capital funds; paving scheduled for 2020;
 - b. Cold Pond Road is scheduled for replacement of two 4' culverts which will be contracted;
 - c. Derry Hill is scheduled for reclamation and culvert replacement;
 - d. Luther Hill is scheduled for shim paving Roy Farm to Five Points to preserve existing surface;
 - e. Town gravel quality: There are many opinions; It is free because we own it; Gravel roads are dusty;
 - f. Routine maintenance: We still have 500 failed culverts; 2019 will concentrate on Lynn Hill and Grout Hill Roads along with grading all other dirt roads; It was noted the department provides some support for contracted projects where it is beneficial; It was also noted the Town has 56 roads with 30 miles of dirt and 18 miles of pavement; JA mentioned fostering highway aid to small towns in the State legislature;
 - g. Equipment: New International delivery expected this month, old will be sold; Repairs line is down \$10,000 as we run newer trucks;
 - h. Wages: It was noted the department has moved from seasonal employees to year round and has had to bring wages to a competitive level because the CDL market is tight; As a result the budget shows an increase in wages and benefits.
3. Transfer Station general discussion: The recycling market is widely variable and income from recycling has decreased; Recycling does lower costs by keeping disposals out of the squash which is more expensive; Due to concern for nonresident use of the Transfer Station stickers were issued at year end and Selectmen included a pay-to-throw article in the Warrant for voters to discuss.
4. Hearse: An article was submitted by the Cemetery Trustees and placed on the warrant by the Selectmen for voters to discuss appropriating funds for hearse restoration; Selectmen voted not to recommend the article.

Meeting adjourned: Motion RD/LC, passed, 8:20PM; Respectfully submitted, Kathi Bradt.

AGENDA: Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Open Meeting:

1. Minutes: January 8, 2019
2. Helen Frink: Cemetery budget and hearse article
3. Melinda Loiselle: Library budget

Meeting adjourned: