

TOWN OF ACWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Budget Committee
Approved Meeting Minutes of January 17, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall, 13 Town Hall Rd, Acworth, NH 03601

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

BOARD OF SELECTMAN PRESENT: Kathi Bradt

OTHERS PRESENT: Greg Bascom, Glenn Elsesser & Rob DeValk

CALL TO ORDER FOR MEETING: Susan Metsack called the meeting to order at 07:03PM

Previous Meeting Minutes were reviewed, and Conan Cook requested an amendment to the January 10th meeting minutes to reflect his request to include the actual cost to the town for each completed/obligated project. This amendment was made on January 10th, 2024, minutes.

Glenn Elsesser spoke about Cold Pond Rd repairs. GE advised that the project can be broken down, starting with replacing the culverts. GE advised that the proper way to complete these repairs is replacing the culverts first and letting them sit for a year. Replacing culverts should take about 4 weeks (estimated timeframe). GE stated that to contract the culvert replacements would be roughly 52,000, not including material. The Highway Dept will work on obtaining prices for the culverts and headwalls needing replacement. The estimate for paving Cold Pond Rd is 500,000. Rob DeValk asked about shimming Cold Pond and how long that would last. GE advised that shimming Cold Pond Rd would last about 12-18 months and overlay should be over the entire road, not sections. It was decided that this warrant article would be broken down to reflect the culvert replacement first for 2024 and paving Cold Pond in 2025.

The importance of Crane Brook Rd being repaired and passable was discussed. Greg Bascom spoke about the impact of having Crane Brook closed for 3 years, which includes safety issues and the long-term repercussion it will have on the farms and businesses located around Crane Brook. Greg Bascom stated that Bascom's are willing to volunteer their time to get the road open, but 100,000 to repair the road is not enough. It is estimated \$150,000 -\$200,000 to complete these repairs. line 4290 emergency management would need to be increased to have the funds to pay for these repairs made to Crane Brook Rd.

At the next Budget Committee meeting the committee will continue reviewing and discussing the proposed budget & warrant articles. Fire Chief Gary Baber will also be attending.

Next Meeting is January 24, 2024, 07:00PM

Meeting Adjourned: 08:30 PM Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Bland

CS made a motion to approved minutes and seconded by CI. Minutes were approved. JLB