

Approved

Minutes of the January 8, 2013 meeting

Present: Peter Hood, Mary Alexander, Matt Dwire, Mary Just Skinner, Cindy Carlson, Bill Callnan – by phone, Shaun Fielder, Helen Weed, Joanne Hull, Bill Yacavoni, Paul Cerminara, Steve Martin

Meeting called to order at 4:30 pm

The Board discusses financing for a 2008 Excavator purchase. After discussion the payment will come from the following sources: \$11,000 from debt service of the 2009 Truck which was paid in full the previous budget period; \$33,000 from the Fund Balance, \$5,000 from the Highway Budget, \$21,000 from Debt Service and \$10,000 from an planned fund balance increase during 2012 – 20134 budget period.

The Board reviews the proposed budget for the period 7/1/2013 – 6/30/2014. The Board agrees to reduce the Fire Department's budget by \$1,000, increase the cemetery budget to include painting for the fence, and a 2.5% salary increase for Town employees.

Motion: Bill moves to approve the proposed budget of \$1,015,441 which is a 2.76% increase over the 2012 – 2013 budget. Mary Alexander seconds, motion carries.

Shaun provides a summary of the Rumney proposed budget for the 2013 – 2014 budget year. If the school receives special education reimbursement the proposed increase is 4.52 %, if the funding is not received, then the proposed budget would be 10% increase.

Bill Yacavoni, Town Auditor

Bill reviewed his draft audit with the Board. Bill feels the fund balance of \$203,895 is larger than it should be. The Board reports that \$33,000 of the fund balance will be spent in the 2012 – 2013 budget period. There were no recommendations in the audit report.

All orders are signed.

The Board discusses the draft Town Plan, Chapter 10, concerning the language for wind towers under Objective #5. The Board does not feel the amended language is substantial and will not hold another public hearing. The public hearing for 1/15/13 will be cancelled.

The certificate of Highway Mileage Year Ending February 10, 2013 is signed. There are no changes to the Town Roads to report.

Rumney Memorial School is asking permission to use the Recreation Field for a community bonfire on February 7, 2013. The Board is in agreement, but the field should be restored to its original condition.

William Yacavoni's audit proposal is signed.

Motion: Mary Alexander moves approval of the Minutes of 11/13/12. Matt seconds, motion carries.

Motion: Mary Alexander moves approval of the Minutes of 11/27/12. Matt seconds, motion carries.

Motion: Matt moves approval of the Minutes of 12/18/12. Mary Alexander seconds, motion carries.

Correspondence

Notice from Washington County with the proposed Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014.

A copy of notice from the State of Vermont Public Service Board for a Net Metered Power System.

A notice from the State of Vermont Department of Taxes concerning the Common Level of Appraisal. The Town of Middlesex is at 96.06% for 1/1/2013.

A notice from Vermont League of Cities and Towns with an official Resolution of Appreciation for being a member of VLCT PACIF.

Cindy provides an update on an animal complaint for a pig owned by the Westovers. The Central Vermont Humane Society and the State of Vermont Department of Agriculture have been notified of a possible abuse complaint. Both agencies will be conducting an inspection with Eric Young, Constable, and the Washington Country Sherriff's Department on January 17, 2013. Eric is concerned about the costs to enforce the violation if one if found. There would be expenses for trucking, boarding and legal costs, perhaps as much as \$3,000. The Humane Society and the State of Vermont will be asked to bear these costs.

Meeting adjourns at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Carlson
Select Board Assistant