

Jan 15, 2019 6:25pm Town Budget Committee Meeting (Meeting 2)

Attendees: Susan Finnegan, Richard Paul, Wesley Staples, Clayton Stalker, Dean Priebe

Meeting minutes:

Meeting called to order at 6:25pm by Susan Finnegan.

Next Town Selectmen's Budget Review Meetings set:

Saturday Jan 26, 2019 @ 9am

Tues Jan 29 @ 6pm.

Dean reviewed Selectmen's budget worksheet line by line open items from Jan 2 meeting minutes.

Accepted line items:

- 4153 Legal expenses estimate finalized
- 4215 Ambulance line item with a proposed \$10,500 increase from KFD.
- 4901 Land & Improvements at \$0

Selectmen to confirm:

- 4130800 finalize number from trust fund trustee.
Recommend using the \$100 budget number if balance can not be obtained.
- 4550 open line item for library appropriation
Challenge appropriation list to keep Library line level funded.
- Finalize Capital Outlay plans 4902, 4903, 4909, and 4915

Extensive Discussion about Capital line items and approach ensued in regards to Equipment proposals, condition of assets, and purchase strategy. The committee is concerned about in advertently approving \$284,000 for a grader without having some advisory review involvement on equipment conditions and options. Recommend to the Selectmen that a 3-4 person Advisory Committee be created to present the Selectmen the situation and options. Selectmen to consider funding the highway equipment Capital Reserve fund as part of the budget. With the understanding of the balance in the fund, the Advisory Committee should put forward a plan to best utilize the fund to address equipment that is approaching end of useful life. Additionally, the advisor committee should consider using existing equipment trade value or sell and apply funds toward the purchase.

Additional discussion on Public Works Facility roof replacement (4903) is offset with a decrease in the Paving budget line item previously approved in section 4312. Selectmen to further evaluate the solution and budget funding.

Warrant reviews

Committee reviewed the rough drafts of Warrant Articles. Selectmen and town Administrator will continue developing these as budget details are finalized.

Additional requests for next meeting. (Carry over from Jan 2 meeting request)

- Balances of Reserve funds to be added to the worksheet.
- Add revenue pages for review

Group did meet with School Budget Committee Jan 5, 2019 @ 9am at the school.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:25pm