

Selectmen's Meeting  
November 27, 2017

At the Selectmen's Meeting held on Monday November 27, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. the following people were in attendance: Peter Corey, John Tholl, and Wendy Hersom arrived at 6:40 p.m.

Kathy Dunlap and Sandy Holz from the Library Trustees attended the meeting to review the 2018 Library budget request. Their budget request for 2018 is \$44,100, a \$2,450 increase from 2017. They said that they have not increased their payroll for at least four years and have put in an increase in for payroll for 2018. They went up a little bit on books, payroll taxes, and repairs and maintenance. They said overall the library budget is small. Peter said the library budget accounts for about 25 cents on the dollar. We will encumber the \$20,000 that was budgeted this year for the library roof, which was not done this year. They have an issue with the granite steps out front and have been working on addressing this issue. They do have the ramp in the back, which can be used as well.

The Board and Treasurer signed the following paperwork, which was sent to us by Bond Counsel, for the \$3,610,000 Bond Anticipation Note with Bank of New Hampshire for the water project: Resolution of Governing Board; Signature & No Litigation Certificate with Receipt; Tax Certificate; Bond Anticipation Note, No. R-1; Line of Credit Rider, and IRS Form 8038-G.

Fred Ingerson and Shawn White attended the meeting to review the Water Department budget and Public Works budgets. Shawn said he and Fred sat down and worked on this a couple of weeks ago. Peter asked about repairs to the tanks, and Fred said we haven't got the report back yet from the tank inspections. Fred said we have until December 22<sup>nd</sup> to respond to the state for the tank response. Fred said some of the repairs will have to be done when we have better weather. Fred said he still has some bills to pay this year out of repairs. The water budget for 2018 is \$285,028, which is a \$26,110 increase from 2017. The majority of the increase is for the Public Works Director Salary and benefits. Shawn broke that out equally between four budgets, the water, wastewater treatment plant, highway, and transfer station. Wendy said she is not sure that is how she wants it allocated.

Shawn reviewed the Public Works budget, which includes the highway, street lighting, and street sewer. The proposed budget for 2018 is \$898,986, a decrease of \$25,551 from 2017. There is a \$47,500 decrease in the street light budget as we purchased and installed the new LED lights in 2017. We are also project a \$10,000 savings in the street light bill.

Shawn said he is looking at the following warrant articles:

Equipment Capital Reserve - \$47,500

Road Maintenance Capital Reserve – \$60,000 Sidewalk Capital Reserve - \$20,000

Transfer Station Skidsteer - \$20,000 and looking to purchase it next year

Take what we can out of capital reserve to finish Gould Road next year.

Shawn said that we need to replace 1 of 2 items the 2009 Ford F550 or the John Deere Tractor. The F550, the truck we replaced the motor in, is having the same issues again. Shawn said we should look at other manufacturers to go with. Chevy is supposed to be coming out with a new truck. Shawn does not recommend getting another Ford F550. We need to look at a different model. Shawn said in 2009 we went with a John Deere tractor because the sidewalk plow as going to be \$105,000. We bought that John Deere for \$42,000. The prices for those have gone up. Many towns and universities are going with

a miniature loader, which they are using on sidewalks. It is called a wacker. Shawn thinks we should talk with the towns who have used those. It seems to be the way people are now going.

A motion was made by Peter Corey to approve the November 21, 2017 Selectmen's Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by John Tholl. All in favor, 3-0. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Peter Corey to enter into non-public session at 7:30 p.m. pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(b) the hiring of any person as a public employee. The motion was seconded by John Tholl. Roll call to enter non-public session: Hersom: Yes, Tholl: Yes; Corey: Yes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.