

**MEMORIAL BUILDING**

**7:00 P.M.**

Present: Ken Jacques, Tamara Butcher, Janet Roberts, Peter Lacaillade, Peter Abair, Kevin Roberts, Cody Patten.

Select board members Leigh Callaway and Dick Hendl were also present.

Ken Jacques chaired the meeting. Department heads had been asked to review the plan that was approved December 2016. The Board discussed proposals.

Town Hall Roof: The roofing at the town hall needs replacement. RFP's have gone out for bids but none have been received. Estimated cost at this point is \$35,000. The chimney will also need pointing and sealing.

Library: The library trustees have been making plans for interior renovations, but they were not ready to move forward in 2017 and do not feel they will be ready for budget time in 2018, so the \$38,500 was moved out to 2019. In the meantime, they have been investigating ideas for fundraising when they have a solid plan of what they wish to accomplish.

Sand Shed: Jeff Evans has been hired to draw a proposal for use of land behind the highway shed, and apply for a wetlands permit. Leigh has estimated \$15,000 for 2018 for clearing the land in 2018, with a proposed cost of \$45,000 for building a new sand shed there in 2019.

Police: The Police Department will need to replace their bullet-proof vests in 2018. This will be the first time the department will need to purchase. In the past they have been able to get them through grants or donations. The estimated cost is \$1,800. They should be replaced every 5 years.

Fire Department: \$100,000 for SCBA replacement was moved from 2019 to 2018. The current equipment expires in August 2019. There is at least a 6 month wait time from ordering to delivery. Waiting to order until after March 2019 town meeting, could result in the equipment not being replaced before expiration. Committee discussed raising the funds in 2018 as a non-lapsing article, allowing the fire department to contract for the purchase in late 2018, early 2019 to get the most longevity out of the current packs.

The new tanker is in the process of being built. Delivery is expected around the middle to end of January 2019.

The vehicle replacement schedule for other fire vehicles was reviewed. The next vehicle due for replacement would be Engine 2 in 2022. Estimated replacement cost based on the existing vehicle is \$550,000. The estimate is based on a 2.5% yearly cost increase.

Highway: Pete will be looking to replace the 2013 Freightliner (Red Truck) in 2018. \$75,000 has already been appropriated through the use of Unreserved Fund Balance. Pete would like to plan on an appropriation of \$80,000 in 2019 to restore the warrant article to replace the 2008 Sterling as needed and \$110,000 to replace the backhoe in \$2020.

Pete would like to propose \$30,000 in 2018 for a tow behind chipper. Durgin & Crowell is no longer taking brush. It would be helpful to be able to chip the brush as it is picked up and not have to truck it and pile it until it can later be burned. Keith Cutting has indicated there may be grants available to assist with a purchase through Homeland Security. A chipper was rented for a month his spring for \$2300.00.

The remainder of George Hill was paved this year. Bog Road was able to be paved through an additional grant from the State Highway Block Fund. Pete is waiting on estimates for Nichols Hill and Philbrick Hill Roads for 2018, but may only be able to do one of them.

Added to the plan is repaving Fisher Corner Road (2019) from the intersection of Georges Mills Road to the top of the hill by Springfield Power.

Pete has no plans for replacement of the state's "red listed" culverts on Bog Brook and Gove Brook. Pete stated he checked the culverts again this summer and he doesn't think they are too bad.

Committee members agreed they are comfortable presenting the revisions, as discussed, to the Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen as a tool to use during budget preparations.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Submitted by,

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