

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

FEBRUARY 7, 2017

MEMORIAL BUILDING

1:30 P.M.

The following are to be considered draft minutes only until approved by the Board at their next meeting.

Selectmen present: Don Hill, Chairman; Leigh Callaway and Tamara Butcher.

Also present: Dick Hendl

This meeting was scheduled for the Selectmen to work out warrant article details for the fire truck, and to make a decision regarding using funds from the Unreserved Fund Balance to offset financing, as well as any other miscellaneous business.

Tamara reported the Budget Committee was happy with the presentation the Fire Department made regarding the purchase of a tanker, and showing a timeline of truck replacement. The Budget Committee noted they would like to see the Selectmen use as much as they feel comfortable from the fund balance to offset the tanker purchase. Don noted, historically, the Selectboard has been committed in keeping the budget and town tax rate as close as flat as possible. The Board has been comfortable keeping the fund balance a little stronger at the 9 to 12% range. Use of the fund balance is appropriate for a capital expenditure of this nature. He stated he might be more comfortable with using 90K but 100K is not that much of a difference. Leigh stated, he felt it would be doing a disservice to the taxpayers to sit on the money and not use it now, since there is fund balance available. Leigh reported he is in favor of using 100K, borrowing 140K. He presented a table showing the unreserved fund balance and the different percentages based on how much was used. He also showed different scenarios showing the difference in financing costs and debt service. Using 100K amounts to a proposed operating budget of about \$8,000 less than last year.

Don moved to withdraw \$100,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance to offset the amount of financing for the fire truck. Motion was seconded by Tamara and unanimously approved.

Don noted a date and time for a Joint Loss Management Meeting needs to be determined when the Board meets again on February 13th.

Leigh reported he had originally scheduled a meeting with a Fairpoint representative for the 13th at 6:00 p.m. and suggested due to the busy schedules of the Boards that he do a remote meeting and then report back to the Selectboard. The Board was in favor.

The Board unanimously agreed to hold a "Bond Hearing" as per RSA 33-8A; regarding financing of \$140,000 for the purpose of purchasing a fire truck. The hearing will be held at 6:45 p.m. on Monday, February 27, 2017, prior to the next Selectboard meeting.

Intent to Cut Timber was signed for Randy Morrison for logging in the Gile Forest. An Escrow deposit from him has been received.

The Board reviewed George Hildum's recommendations regarding the current use application filed by Deborah and David Roberts. The application is missing maps and category designations. The Roberts will be notified in writing regarding the application. They will have until April 15, 2017 to return a completed application for consideration for 2017 tax year.

The Selectboard will review the recommendation from George regarding the Roberts' Abatement Application at their meeting on the 13th.

Attorney Tanguay is in the process of drafting a notice regarding the building on the Roberts' property.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Submitted by,

Janet Roberts,
Administrative Assistant