

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 2019
Budget Workshop

Attendees included Christopher Madden, Chairman of Selectmen, Charles Fosberry, Selectman, Robert Fee, Selectman, James Coffey, Town Administrator, Harry Power, Compliance Officer and Patricia Putnam, Administrative Assistant. Several members of the public were in attendance.

APPOINTMENTS:

7:00 Chief McGerty, Budget Request, Capital Reserve - Chief McGerty asked the board if they would support a warrant article to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for Fire Department Apparatus. He suggested \$25,000 annually. It was explained that the Board of Selectmen would control the expenditures out of the fund, which could not be spent until the following fiscal year. He will bring in an article to the next Selectmen's meeting for their review.

Mary Lou Stymest explained that the tree work in the Old Dow Cemetery is winding down and she hopes to have Everything Under the Sun start working on them prior to the sap flowing and the town would be billed after July 1st. She and Jim Coffey have revised the Cemetery Budget to reflect the McCourt Trust Fund included separately and funded by income from the Trust.

7:20 Review proposed ballot question, Article 2. RSA 41:45-a, -b, -c to see if the town will support a combined Town Clerk/Tax Collector position. If approved, the position would become effective in the next fiscal year (2020/2021).

Review proposed solid waste advisory article to encourage the Board of Selectmen to explore funding the transfer facility by implementing fees for certain types of waste.

Jim Coffey reported that he had discussed an economical, engineered proposal on replacing the 2 culverts on Kings Highway. If there are two 5 foot culverts placed together they are considered a bridge by the State. He will get a proposal from the engineer and present it to the board. Some of the funding could come from the remainder of the unanticipated highway grant fund that was left over from widening School Street.

Jim Coffey reported that he expects the legal budget to be lower due to the Merriewoode Valley situation concluding with the court awarding in the Town's favor.

Jim Coffey reviewed each building maintenance budget. The Old Fire Station needs work but French Drainage in back of the building would be necessary before any money is expended on the building itself. Chief McGerty reported that there 6-8" of water on the cement floor section.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS: Chris Madden reminded Jim Coffey that he was to write up a non-binding referendum to create a Commercial Zone out on Route 9 as requested by the Planning Board.

ADJOURN: The workshop was adjourned at 8:08.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam
Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Charles Fosberry

Christopher Madden

Robert Fee

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Review revised cemetery budget and McCourt Trust