

Selectmen's minutes of meeting Nov. 30, 2015

Members present: Jeff Gray, John Skrip, Dolores Harasyko

Members absent: Alice Boyd

Called to order at 2:30 p.m.

Reviewed FY2017 budgets.

Linda Riiska in representing the Council on Aging. They can cut their operating budget by 10%.

John Skrip in representing the Cultural Council. They are level funding.

Kathy Burrows in representing the Cemetery Committee. They need to level fund. They have been able to use volunteers and accomplished a lot with them but some of the work they want to do will require skilled licensed persons for vista pruning.

Recreation is level funding.

Historical Commission is level funding.

Tax Collector Edna Leavenworth in. She is not running for another term. She is retiring. She reviewed her passed salary and fee schedule. She has kept her salary down and the fees she collected supplemented her salary. She is suggesting increasing the salary to \$10,000 and the new tax collector would turn over any fees collected. She would like to stay on as a consultant and train the new tax collector. She will stay on to train approx. 10 hours a week. She will add \$7,000 for this. John feels we need to get input from Alice before making any decision on this. Jeff feels they have enough information from Edna to approve.

Reviewed the road superintendent applications. Two were delivered by email to Alice Boyd and one hand delivered to John Skrips house. Jeff reviewed the process of accepting applications. They need to be handed in at the town hall to be date and time stamped. We only received 3 applications. Dolores will make copies for the interview committee and contact them to pick them up.

Reviewed and signed warrants

Reviewed and signed minutes of meetings

Reviewed mail

Kathleen Segrin commended Edna on all her good work for the town. Kathleen asked about the breakdown of the money collected for cemetery plots. This is a question for the Treasurer.

Ron Pachulski commented on how sad he was to see Steve Harasyko leave. He commended Bobby O'Brien for the work he has done. He also commended the Librarian and the Transfer Station attendant

Discussed next weeks agenda. John would like the Treasurer to come in to answer questions on the sale of cemetery lots and to explain the tax title process. We will ask Jean Atwater Williams to come in to respond to some concerns regarding Wired West.

Discussed highway department budgets. John offered to work on them with Bobby O'Brien.

Jeff explained that some budgets are falling short and need to be addressed.

John would like to see a real live Christmas tree on the town owned property on Route 8. He appreciates what Ralph Morrison has done there. He would like to see a live tree planted there in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

Jeff Gray

John skrip