

Selectmen's minutes of meeting Monday, January 4, 2016

Members present: Jeffrey Gray, John Skrip, Bobby O'Brien,  
Dolores Harasyko

Members absent: Alice Boyd

Called to order at 2:33 p.m.

Dolores reviewed the following FY2017 budgets. The selectmen approved all except the highway department budgets which will be reviewed again next week:

General Government  
Close the Grant Writer account  
Finance Committee  
Town Clerk  
Legal Services  
Info System Support  
Conservation Committee  
Zoning Board  
Library Catalog System  
Custodian of Town Buildings  
Building Inspector  
Street Lighting  
All Fire Dept/Ambulance accounts  
Emergency Management  
Inspector of Animals  
Dog Officer  
Solid Waste  
Board of Health  
Community Health Program  
Operation and Maintenance  
Goodwill Gifts  
Memorial Day Parade  
Elderly Transportation  
Cemetery Committee  
Southern Berkshire Emergency Planning Comm.  
Reserve Fund

Discussed the highway department budgets. John Skrip would like to hold to discuss with Alice. He would like to not fill the vacancy and add more salary to part time help. Discussed the highway department taking over the mowing and maintenance of town properties and cemeteries. Jeff pointed out that we do not have the equipment to do so and would have to budget to purchase equipment. John Burrows also commented on the mowing. He suggested we review the contract and the work that has been done.

Doug Segrin commented on the town's website. He stated that it has not been updated and he cannot find other boards meetings posted on it. He feels it is an important tool for the town's people. John Skrip responded that Alice is working on a new website. John Burrows would like to see it happen before Fy17. He suggested treating it as a capitol expense and take it from stabilization now and pay it back over 5 years.

Doug asked if the town has accepted land that was donated to the town behind the fire station on Route 57. Jeff and John explained that the offer has been made but that the town would have to vote accepting the land.

John Burrows asked about the highway dept. tree account. He said there are lots of tree limbs hanging.

John Burrows asked Bobby if he has his cell phone on 24 hours. He wants to make sure he can get in touch with him if there is an emergency. Bobby said he has the highway dept. cell phone on at all times.

Minutes reviewed and signed  
Mail reviewed  
Warrants reviewed and signed  
Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

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Jeffrey Gray

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John Skrip