

TOWN OF GRANVILLE

BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

December 6, 2016

In Attendance:

Select board: Bruce Hyde/Chair & Norm Arseneault

Mark Belisle/Constable

Danial Sargeant/Fire Department Chief

Public: Sean & Marylyn Dougherty; Gene & Jaquelin Hammond and Cheryl Sargeant

Call to Order: 9:35 am

Subject to Final Approval

1. Public Communication and Comments

Bruce started the meeting by stating that a plow truck went off the Butz Road. The State police were notified and the truck has since been removed.

Bruce also reported that the site inspection of the Lumbra property in E. Granville will take place on Saturday, December 10th. Norm, Bruce and Mark plan to attend.

2. Selectmen's Orders

All Orders were approved.

3. Continue Budget Planning for Fiscal Year 2016/17

There was a discussion on the approved salary budget for the Town Clerk/Treasurer.

Danial Sargeant handed out a proposed budget for the fire department. The proposed budget has an increase of \$1,500.00. Danial stated there were some decreases and the increase was in part for new bunker gear. The board went over each proposed budget line item as well their yearend report. Danial reported that last year the fire department started their own capital investment fund using a previous year budget surplus of \$1,000. The fire department is asking the tax payers for an additional \$600 next year to add to this capital investment fund. Dan said these funds would be slated for major mechanical repairs on the town's fire trucks. Norm requested for a write up to explain in writing how the capital funds would be used.

The fire department plans to hold a fund raiser for installing more dry hydrants. Danial stated that the fire department charges service to other towns \$50.00 per call.

There was a discussion on winter snow removal from hydrants. Currently the town budgets for this.

There was a discussion on obtaining permission for the town to clear snow on private land as recommended by VLCT-Pacif. Norm asked if an application with the State for a new road access permit will be a done (to access a fire hydrant off Route 100). Danial said he is working on a letter with the land owner and a road access permit is being submitted. A suggestion was made by Norm as to moving the line item for the capital fund separating from the operating budget.

Danial suggested that the board add a Warned Article for Town Meeting asking to set aside a capital investment fund for improvements to the fire house.

The discussion then moved to the Constable budget. Mark reported the budget for training, constable salary, mileage and supplies will remain the same.

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The budget for animal control will stay the same.

The fee to store the speed radar at the Bowl Mill was discussed. Mark will look into other possible locations to avoid storage fees.

Mark suggested the board add a Warned Article for Town Meeting to start a Capital Fund for repairs to the "church".

The budget for the town's share of the Constable's auto insurance will remain the same.

The next regular Select board meeting will be held on December 12, 2016.

On December 19th bids for demolition will be opened at 6:00 pm. The Budget Meeting will then start following the opening of bids at 6:30 pm. The Select board plans to discuss the Capital Fund at the next Budget Meeting and to meet with the Road Commissioner to discuss any proposed changes to the Highway budget.

3. Adjourn

Bruce moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:27 pm. Norm seconded the motion. All were in favor with none opposed.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Kathy Werner
Town Clerk/Treasurer