



## Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes 02-10-15

### *Approved Minutes*

**Present:** Select board members Charles Moser-Chairman, Bernie O'Grady, Louise Lavoie, Jeannine Phalon – Administrative Assistant, members of the public

**Call to order:** 8:00 PM

#### **New Business:**

The Board of Selectmen discussed the current budget as printed. Line 2032-28 Warrant Article #4 for Backhoe to be changed to have a total amount of \$76,596.00. Total cost of backhoe is \$105,000.00, trade in value from previous equipment is \$28,500.00, add in UCC Filing fee of \$96.00, total bond to be \$76,596.00. Line total reflects first year's payment of \$18,010.00.

Wolfgang Millbrandt asked about previous year's fund for road improvements and how monies were all spent. Bernie O'Grady stated it was best to hold off on some of the road improvements and that the funds were encumbered.

WA#13- Pipeline- would continue year to year until 2018 then any remaining funds would return to the General fund.

Discussed TAN and how it works. Account will only incur interest charges when money is borrowed against the line of credit.

Line 6003- reflects the cost of cyclical review which will continue on an annual basis

Connie Lacasse asked about health insurance and how it is paid by employees and if anyone has looked into new plans. Charles Moser stated it was looked into and we would have lost approximately \$19,000 in credit given by HealthTrust if the Town decided to change health insurers.

Line 6019-16 reflects new equipment – sander and truck

Tabled Police Department budget lines to a later date to be determined at the end of this hearing

Line 6013- Ambulance to be change to \$19,908, an increase from last year due to an increase in call volume

6014-09- Chief David Baker stated a few necessities that will be needed for maintenance. Chief Baker looked to the Board for direction on how to allocate for these costs. Board would like Chief Baker to charge those costs to equipment maintenance (6014-14) and not building maintenance as well as leaving the budget as stated. Once the department gives an inventory of equipment, the Board can then forecast depreciation and replacement schedule.

Bottom line on budget is down but the Board still has some adjustments to be made to the Police department.

If all warrant articles pass at this point in time, the budget would reflect a 3% increase over last year

Charles Moser announced the continuance of this budget hearing for Tuesday February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:30PM

Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 7:30 PM, the 2015 Budget Hearing reconvened.

**Present:** Select board members Charles Moser-Chairman, Bernie O'Grady, Louise Lavoie, Jeannine Phalon – Administrative Assistant, members of the public

**Call to order:** 8:00 PM

At the start of the hearing, Board of Selectmen went over changes to the budget listed below:

Changed 6018-06 – Overtime wages were \$7500 – The department has already exceeded this amount due to several snowstorms in the last few weeks. The line was raised to \$12,000 to get through 2015.

Public Safety – decided the Chief's salary will stay the same and the rest of the salaries have a 1.5% increase as listed.

Connie Lacasse asked about the Chief's salary and payment of workmen's compensation. Charles Moser stated workmen's compensation pays only for medical bills and the Chief is in administrative duty.

Discussion on how the K-9 trust fund will be handled if there comes a time we do not have a K9 unit. The Board responded they will look into how it can be re-purposed.

3012-07 – Retirement for Police officers- anticipate this will stay the same

6012-33 – this reflects some of the cost to upgrade the current computer system to be compatible with Hollis Communications

Finalized warrant for backhoe. Total cost is \$105,000 minus trade in value of \$28,500 of current equipment which would leave \$76,500 to enter into a 5 year bond at 3% interest. Total cost of bond and interest will be \$83,489.64 with first payment due June 2016.

6017-01 represents the cost of Hollis Communications only. The second line 6017-02 was added to separate the cost for maintenance of communication towers, radios, ect.

6016 Emergency management function is a place holder just for that purpose should the need arise.

Operating expenses for 2015 comes out to be 4% lower than last year. If all warrant articles pass, the budget will then be 3% over last year.

**Motion by Charles Moser** to adjourn the Budget Hearing, seconded by Louise Lavoie.

Aye: Charles Moser, Bernie O'Grady, LouiseLavoie

Motion passed. 8:10PM

Respectively submitted,

Jeannine Phalon

Administrative Assistant