

**Board of Selectmen
October 4, 2006**

Present: Paul S. Morrill, Chair; Mark P. Duffy; John J. Blackwood; and Robin L. Frost, Town Administrator

The Board met to continue reviewing the 2007 proposed budget with department heads.

6:30 pm – Warren Winn was present to review the proposed Solid Waste budget. There was discussion about the wastewater responsibilities and how that affects this department. Perhaps we need to think about temporary or part time assistance. The disposal contract was discussed and Warren strongly feels that the cost can continue to be decreased if he can continue to enforce the recycling rules, etc. He feels comfortable with all of the other budget figures that were originally given to the Board. He requested a catalog from Wearguard so we could order appropriate clothing for the employees.

7:20 pm – Cindy Bickford came in to discuss the assessing budget. It was pointed out that both Dave Stevens and Bob Glidden were in agreement to abolish the Board of Assessors, though that can only be done by a vote of the legislative body. This change is reflected in the proposed budget. The budget also reflects the time that Cindy will spend measuring and listing 20% of the properties next year. This has reduced the contract with Brett Purvis and Associates. Mileage was discussed and it was decided to leave that in the budget due to conflicts with the Town-owned vehicle.

7:45 pm – Dan Davis was present to discuss the Highway budgets. He presented his proposed road projects. He would like to pave Pickpocket Road next year. Though paving roads has been a touchy subject with the Budget Committee, he cannot keep a good surface on Pickpocket Road, due to the hills, and the amount and speed of the traffic on that road. He thinks it is a perfect candidate for paving. Mr. Duffy mentioned that he would like to see the road project reduced to approximately \$200,000. It was decided to reduce the cold patch line by \$2000 (from \$6000 to \$4000). The general highway budget was then discussed and no changes were recommended at this time. The recent paving in Union was discussed and the Board asked Ms. Frost to look into the procedure for discontinuing Brewster Road. Mr. Blackwood mentioned a sand shed that he was looking into. It is made of fabric and the cost is approximately \$30,000.

8:35 pm – Chief Todd Nason came in to discuss the Ambulance and Fire Department budgets. The coverage for the ambulance was discussed and Todd informed the Board that he had a meeting with all of the involved people and they would like to continue, for at least one more year, with the procedure that has been used. There have been only a couple of times where those shifts have not been covered by two people. The Fire budgets were discussed and Todd has level funded most all the lines. He has moved the funds that were once designated for the custodian into the officers' salary lines, since they will be fulfilling those responsibilities. The Board asked about the new fire truck and Todd said that it is coming along and we expect to take delivery soon.

The meeting concluded at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Acting secretary

Approval of minutes:

Paul S. Morrill, Chairperson

Mark P. Duffy

John J. Blackwood