

Budget Committee Meeting Minutes for November 10, 2015

Members Present: Nancy Ertle, Lee Porter, Susan Fortunati, Amy Peberdy, Chris Groschner, Linda Weiss, Mike Pittman, Steve Long, Russ Pazdro, Irene Mann, and Raymond Moulton

Guests: Joe Truss, Michelle Boyer, Connie and Greg Thurston, Frank Roderick, Ed Pospisil, and Dick Kelley.

Meeting called to order 6:02 pm

First order of business to elect a chair for the ensuing year. Linda nominated Susan for chair of the Budget Committee, Chris seconded. The ayes have it.

Review of the minutes to the December 16, 2014 meeting. Raymond moved to accept them as presented. Lee seconded, the ayes have it. Linda and Mike abstained because they weren't at the meeting.

Susan read the Agenda.

Animal Control: Michelle asked to be level funded at \$3,000.00. When that was allotted we didn't put any in for the Human Society in Barre because we thought the animal control officer was going to board all the animals and adopt them out herself. She said she only keeps them for 10 to 14 days. It was decided to put \$1,000.00 in for the Human Society and \$2,000.00 for local animal control.

Cemetery Commission: Frank spoke asking for \$250.00 to show public support to go with grants. \$250.00 was approved. He also represented the Town Forest Committee which isn't asking for anything because it is going to be incorporated with the Conservation Commission.

Constable: Chris Diaz asked per phone conversation asked to have the budget level funded. There was talk about the Orange County Sheriffs budget and the Constables budget. The Constables budget was level funded at Payroll \$1,850.00, SS & MCare \$150.00, Mileage \$200.00, and Supplies \$200.00. For a total of \$2,400.00

Orange County Sheriffs level funded at \$6,000.00

Emergency Management: Joe Truss requested \$100.00 for training & travel, \$250.00 for Phone cards and magnets and misc. \$50.00. \$500.00 was budgeted.

Fire Warden: Joe Truss asked for \$1,267.66 for equipment. If items are purchased by Dec. the State will pay for half. Budget Committee and Selectboard said buy it now by Dec. over spending this year's budget and budgeted \$600.00 for next year.

Fire Dept.: Requested \$65,000.00. Susan read the financial information they provided. Joe spoke on grants. The Fire Dept. was level funded at \$65,000.00

Health Officer: No request.

Planning Commission: Payroll \$850.00, SS & MCare \$65.00, Legal Notices \$150.00, Postage \$500.00, Supplies \$150.00 and Legal Services \$500.00, for a total of \$2,215.00

Town Hall Maintenance: For facility Managers payroll, equipment, supplies, repairs, utilities, and rubbish removal for a total of \$20,780.00.

Capital Improvement Fund: A possible septic project \$10,000.00.

Susan moved to adjourn Lee seconded, the ayes have it. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm