

Present: Donna Murphy (Chair) Robert Fisher, Edward Strong (via SKYPE at 6:45-8:10pm), Rosanne Adams, Phil Lytle, and 3 members of the public.

Absent: Bill Jacques (has moved out of town), Cindy Saklad

Meeting opened at 6:30 PM.

BUSINESS

1. The Chair read through the answers, given by the Town Manager, to our budget questions. [dated 3/18/15] and there were the following discussions and decisions made:
 - a. It was noted that the answer to the borrowing of funds to start Kid Care could be found in the Selectmen minutes. The Chair noted that Rebecca Davis had at one time found the information and she will ask her about it.
 - b. It was noted that it was not 19 miles of road added since 1986 but 9.6 miles or 20 roads.
 - c. Rosanne suggested that we wait another year before hiring a full time DPW worker and doing away with the part-time summer position and that the DPW director document his time and make the case again for the need next year. Robert Fisher made a MOTION, 2nd Edward Strong to recommend that we continue with the part-time summer maintenance position and to not fund a new full-time DPW position. VOTE: 4-0. Chair concurs.
 - d. Rosanne suggested that the Susan Blume Trust fund could be used for part of the maintenance costs of Frost Tufts Park since it was set up for that.
 - e. Phil suggested that the CSD Building Fund be used for the Park maintenance costs. The members were asked if they would approve \$32,000 from the CSD Building Fund for the proposed Building and Fencing costs as explained in the CIP. No motion was made but all present AGREED to make this recommendation.
 - f. The Chair spoke to the warrant article for the sewer bond and that the wording should be available soon and that once she has it she will forward to members.
 - g. There was a question about monies being received by DOT and put into the DPW budget but not then used specifically for paving. The Chair will bring in that information for the discussion Monday night.
 - h. The Chair asked that members be thinking about what the Committee's stance will be – look at flat-funding or keeping under the LD1 amount – and be prepared for that discussion at the next meeting.
 - i. Rosanne spoke to postponing the decision to appropriate \$6000 for cemeteries; give the town time to come up with a plan and then take a look at this next year. She spoke to the work done by the Historical Society and the training that has been given people and the concern that DPW does not have that training and knowledge and should have before proceeded; that lifting stones needs to be done correctly so they are not damaged; that it's not about using a backhoe. Robert Fisher spoke to the work of the Historical Society and the scouts who help to restore cemeteries and that the money could be put

in a separate fund and as work is needed it is then paid out. Dennis and Cindy Lentz also spoke to this concern and spoke more about the guidance that people receive who are taking care of cemeteries and agreed that there should be a plan. Robert Pomerleau asked if not funding this would jeopardize the town being in compliance with the State mandate. Rosanne said that she thought it would not since some towns work with other groups in carrying this unfunded mandate out and the Historical Society has an on-going program. The town working on a plan before proceeding would, in itself, be taking action on the State mandate.

- j. Salaries: It was noted that at the last meeting a formal vote was taken recommending a 1.5% increase.
- k. Edward Strong stated that it was his personal goal to stay under the LD1 amount which would still allow an increase of \$104,500. The Chair stated that if that is the goal then we are looking at \$238,000 in cuts.
- l. Edward Strong suggested looking at CIP account funding's for reductions.
- m. Ed asked about the painting the inside of the town garage because he thought it had already been done. Phil said that only the ceiling had been painted.
- n. The Chair questioned Worster Road being on the paving list and if it is being double billed since money was received already because of damages to the road.
- o. Robert Pomerleau spoke to the sewer bond and that the Selectmen will be changing this to a referendum vote. He said that this is not a necessary expenditure – it is totally voluntary. He recommended the Committee say NO to this. He also said that the Committee should give a recommendation on the School Budget.
- p. Ed noted that \$18,000 has been included in the CIP for the DPW. It is for the lease of a backhoe and as such should be in the operating budget. The Chair explained that it was a lease with option to buy for \$1 at the end of the term of the lease.
- q. Phil spoke to the amounts being put into the DPW CIP accounts and that larger equipment is being planned for which will result in greater costs year after year. They allow the roads to be plowed quicker and faster.

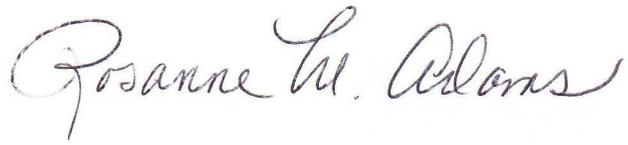
2. Next Meeting: Monday, March 23rd, 6:30pm

3. Last Joint Meeting with the Selectmen: Tues. March 24th, 6pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm on MOTION of Robert Fisher, 2nd Phil Lytle. VOTE: 3-0. Chair concurs.

Next Meeting:

Respectfully Submitted by

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rosanne M. Adams". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Rosanne Adams, Recording Sec.

Date Approved: March 30, 2015