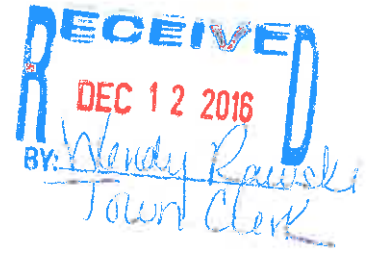


Eliot Select Board
Workshop
Nov. 17, 2016, 5:30 pm



MINUTES

Attending: Roland Fernald, Bob Pomerleau, Jack Murphy and Brad Hughes; also Dana Lee, Town Manager and Denny Lentz from the public. Rebecca Davis was absent with notice

1. Roll Call – Vice Chair Fernald opened the meeting and announced a quorum.
2. Discuss Referendum Town Meeting ordinance Revisions. The Town manager was asked to recap the night's work. He stated that during last year, a few things had been noted that could be changed in the Referendum Town Meeting ordinance or related documents that would help smooth the process. He stated that the Budget Committee and Select Board had both indicated a desire to roll summer roads and roads and bridges into the overall PW budget.

Dana read a memo from the Town Clerk about her concerns (see attached).

It was discussed that a couple of the changes recommended by the Town Clerk appear to need a charter change. The group discussed the difference between a substantive change to the charter requiring a whole new charter commission, versus an amendment which, by our charter, can be done by appointing a charter review committee. They asked Dana to check with an attorney as which type of charter change this would be defined as.

Brad said the Budget Committee had endorsed the idea of combining summer roads and roads and bridges into the overall PW budget, as well as most of Winter Roads, except for winter salt, sand, wages and benefits.

It was suggested that Dana search the Charter to see if "warrant" appears in it, and to see if the Town Clerk is asking the Select Board to add to the charter to allow more time than basic state law.

Jack noted an error in Section 9, Para 3 – delete redundant "Board of..."

Jack noted that the wording in Section 10, Para 4 is insufficient to explain what gets paid and to whom. He suggested "paid to the taxpayer for abated, paid taxes for the fiscal year." Brad asked about abatements and how and when they occur. Dana explained.

It was suggested that when we re-structure the PW budgets and roll in repairs and diesel into the general PW budget, we should note which portion of repairs, and which portion of diesel was moved (has been set aside) from winter roads in the event of a winter spending overage. Bob noted the overage limit was about 15% by law.

It was agreed to scratch Ambulance and Public Health Officer from Public Safety. It was discussed why public safety had line items and no other did. Dana explained he broke it out that way initially because it was a "new" department. Denny Lentz and Brad were asked what the view of the Budget Committee might be, and it was confirmed that they like more

40 discrete line items versus fewer. Dana noted that line item limited spending makes managing
41 harder / less discretion.

42 Bob noted that there is no reason to rush the revision of this Ordinance, nor the Charter
43 change that was recommended. The group agreed.

44 Bob recalled conversations from last year with the Town Clerk regarding "when is the
45 reconciling, etc. 'finished' ""what and when is the ballot final?" They had noted last year's
46 last minute need to adjust the ballot, and the need for flexibility to make such clerical
47 adjustments consistent with intent.

48 3. Adjourn: jack made a motion to adjourn the workshop; this was seconded by Brad Hughes.
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Approved 12/8/16
Dana