

Selectboard Meeting

Saturday, January 9, 2016

Attended by: Chair Brian Fox, Joel Bouvier, Sharon Compagna, John "Peeker" Heffernan and Town Administrator Therese Kirby.

Brian Fox called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

Selectboard members went line by line through the General Fund Budget, Highway Budget, Recreation Department Budget and Police Budget. They asked Therese to calculate salary increases at 2% and 2.5%. They also discussed having the employees currently enrolled in the Town sponsored health insurance plan to move from paying 2% of their premium to 7% this year, 11% in 2016/2017 and 15% in 2017/2018. Therese noted, in the past 10 years, employees have gone from paying \$100 out of pocket to their full deductible and 2% of the premium.

The Selectboard discussed how to apply the \$350,000 in property sale money from Stoney Hill Properties for ten acres of land, to the budget. The Selectboard would like to apply \$250,000 to the principal of the fire station bond, and use the remainder to pay reimburse the capital building and capital roads fund for costs to build the road, install the power and to pay the State of Vermont the per acre price required in the deed. Therese was going to look and see if the Selectboard applied \$250,000 to the bond principal, if the Selectboard could adjust the tax rate later. The Selectboard also agreed the Water District should be reimbursed for the cost of the waterline being run from West Street to the Fire Station.

The Selectboard removed \$5,200 from the proposed Fire Department budget, with instructions for the Fire Chief to pay for \$5,200 in tires from the Fire Department capital fund.

The Selectboard asked Therese to recalculate the police budget to reduce administrative hours to ten per week, to speak to the Police Chief regarding his part-time staffing needs and to calculate a salary adjustment of 1% and merit pay of 2%, for their January 11, 2016 meeting. They also wanted the Police Chief to provide them information on how many calls they responded to and what days of the week and time of day the majority of the calls were answered. Therese said she would meet with the Chief Monday morning and have the data for Monday night.

There were no members of the public present for public forum. Under Selectboard concerns, Peeker discussed how the Selectboard could move forward with appointing the Fire Chief. He would like fellow Board members to think about having "Members at Large" from the Fire Department to report to the Town Administrator or Selectboard on a periodic basis. Therese said Michelle wondered if a Selectboard Member or the Town Administrator should sit on the Bristol Fire Department Board. Therese will schedule this as a larger agenda item for a future meeting.

At 3:00 pm. Sharon Compagna moved to adjourn and Joel Bouvier seconded. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Therese Kirby  
Town Administrator