

Selectboard Meeting

January 9, 2017

Selectboard Member's present: Chair Michelle Perlee, Joel Bouvier, John "Peeker" Heffernan, Peter Coffey and Ted Lylis. Also present: Town Administrator Therese Kirby, Assistant Treasurer Peter Ryan and reporter for the Addison Independent, Gaen Murphee.

At 6:09 pm, Michelle called the meeting to order. There was no comment for public forum, so the Board proceeded to the budget discussion for 2017/2018.

From 6:10 pm to 7:26 pm, the Board discussed the general fund budget. (This budget is up 1.26% over last year, at this time.)

From 7:26 pm to 7:38 pm, the Board discussed the two cents on the tax rate for the Capital Fire Apparatus Fund. The consensus of the Board was to leave the two cents for the 2017/2018 budget year, but possibly set a specific amount to be raised by taxes next year.

From 7:38 pm to 8:05 pm, the Board discussed the police budget. The consensus of the Board was to remove the budgeted \$3,875 to remove the two existing overhead doors and to install one larger overhead door and a "man" door. Due to multiple workers' compensation claims, the insurance line is growing from \$8,200 to \$49,570. Therese spoke with the underwriter's at VLCT PACIF and this large of a premium will be with us for three years, barring another year of multiple claims. (This budget is up 18.9% over last year, at this time.)

From 8:05 pm to 8:10 pm, the Board discussed the possible sale of 32 North Street. Therese encouraged the Board to seriously consider selling the building to one of the interested candidates that may come forward in February. She reiterated the need of the proceeds to be deposited into the Capital Building Fund. Peeker Heffernan said he would like to see the building sold before April 1, 2017, so it can go back on the tax rolls.

At 8:10 pm, Joel Bouvier moved to enter executive session regarding the employment and evaluation of public officer's and employee's per 1 VSA § 313 (a) (3). Peeker Heffernan seconded, so voted.

The Board ended executive session at 9:10 pm, and no motions were made.

Peter Coffey moved to adjourn at 9:15 pm. Peeker Heffernan seconded, so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Kirby, Town Administrator