

SELECTPERSONS MEETING
January 24, 2008

Present: Stan Judge, Lucy Evans, Ken Simonoko, Tom Hayes, Jo Carpenter

The meeting opened at 3:45 PM

Budget Work Session

The Board met with Road Agent/Public Works Foreman Ken Simonoko to review the proposed Highway budget and related Capital Reserve Fund requests.

Ken explained that his budget is up this year because of increased fuel costs and aging equipment. Ken told the Board that he has replaced the four rear tires and rims on the plow truck but still needs to do the front two tires and rims. The Board authorized him to replace the front tire and rims. The Board decided to increase repairs by \$1,000 to cover some of the tire replacement costs. The Highway budget increased to \$52,000

Paving was discussed in detail. Ken said he proposes to move the hydrant out of the center of the Sunrise Drive cul-de-sac and then pave that cul-de-sac this summer. Ken said he also plans to re-do the first part of Losier Road. He said he will dig out the pavement and base from Route 2 to Desmond's driveway, replace the gravel base and then repave this section. He estimates the paving on Sunrise Drive will cost about \$3,000 and the work on Losier Road will cost about \$7,000.

Ken said he plans to work on Village Road in 2009. He will dig out the base from the Town Hall to about the Hayes' driveway, re-gravel and then pave. He said that he will spend about \$15,000 on this project.

Ken said that he felt that \$7,000 for the Paving Capital reserve Fund would be adequate.

Ken said that the plow truck needs to be traded in 2010 as scheduled. He said that truck will replace the garbage truck which is in poor shape. He said that he can keep the garbage truck going until 2010. The Board asked Ken to look at other alternatives for handing the getting garbage to Mt. Carberry Landfill. Ken said that he feels that at least \$30,000 should be put into the Heavy Highway Capital Reserve Fund.

Ken said that he feels at least \$5,000 should be put into the Town Vehicle Capital Maintenance Expendable Trust and \$1,000 should be put into the Sand/Gravel Expendable Trust.

Ken said that he would leave the decisions around the capital reserve fund for the new building for the Highway Department at the Transfer Station site up to the Board.

Ken left the meeting.

The Board next met with Fire Chief Tom Hayes. Tom brought the Board a list of training that the Department would like to do in 2008. The Board noted that many of these trainings have been done in the past using the regular payroll budget and the payroll has not exceeded \$10,000.

Stan said that Jo and the Board will help to organize some of the training.

Chief Hayes seemed comfortable with the amended budget of \$17,240.

Tom left the meeting

The Board then discussed Capital reserve Funds and Expendable Trusts:

Capital Reserve Funds

Fire Truck – cut \$5,000 to \$5,000.

Fire Equipment - cut \$650 to \$4,000

Heavy Highway Equipment – cut \$5,000 to \$30,000

Cemetery Equipment – no cut

Revaluation – cut \$400 to \$4,600

Peabody Farm Museum – no cut

Town Buildings – cut \$2,000 to \$8,000

Cemetery Maintenance – no cut (being voted out of surplus)

Total of Capital Reserve Funds - \$62,300 down from \$78,350

Expendable Trusts

No cuts were made.

Jo left the meeting

Raises

The Board approved the following raises:

Ken and Jo – 27th checks will serve as raise (3.8%). Ken's overtime rate will increase to reflect raise.

Ted – 3%

Treasurer – Raise from \$850 to \$1,000

Ballot Clerks – from \$25 to \$40

Moderator - from \$60 to \$80

Selectmen – from \$1400 to \$1500

Trustees of Trust Funds – from 1 @ \$75 & 2 @ \$25 to 1 @\$100 & 2 @\$40

Deputies – from \$60 to \$80

Fire Department

- Fire Chief – from \$10.76/hr to \$11.00/hr
- Asst Chiefs – from \$9.63/hr to \$9.90/hr
- Captain – from \$9.00/hr to \$9.25/hr
- Lieutenant – from \$8.75/hr to \$9.00/hr
- Firefighters – from \$8.50/hr to \$8.75/hr

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM