

# TOWN OF LANGDON

## UNAPPROVED SELECTBOARD MINUTES

January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**7:04 Meeting to Order by Lou Beam.**

**Chairman, Bud Ross, was unable to attend the meeting.**

**Minutes for the January 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting were accepted as written. (2-0)**

Lou Beam reviewed the Town Calendar.

January 28<sup>th</sup> Selectboard Meeting @ 7pm

February 4<sup>th</sup> Selectboard Meeting @ 7pm

February 6<sup>th</sup> Coffee Hours 10-12

February 6<sup>th</sup> Heritage Commission Meeting @ 7pm

**The Board opened the Public Budget Hearing.**

Lou started the meeting by noting that the budget was up 3.4% from last year totaling \$19,071. He then proceeded to go over the budget line by line. It was discussed that the Town may want to consider a reserve fund for payment on the Fairpoint legal battle. Ken Urbanski asked about this and Bob Cunniff noted that the case concerns the taxation of the service and that the Town may be held liable for past taxes and interest which may total \$20,000 or so. Lou discussed the overage on the General Government Building budget, the majority of that due to a project on the Meetinghouse. The Town was reimbursed by the Heritage Commission \$29,632, which is shown on the revenue side. Lou mentioned that the project did go over the budget by \$7,000 but that it was decided to paint the entire Meetinghouse. Lou also discussed the necessity of installing a new A/C and heat system upstairs in the Municipal Building because the A/C unit failed. The Police Department and budget were discussed. Ken asked about the consolidation. Lou discussed why the consolidation was not financially feasible for the Town. The coverage and projected coverage from the department was discussed, as well as the hiring of a new chief. Nate spoke to the Fire Department budget increase noting that the Mutual Aid fee has increased and there are two new volunteers that will need gear. Lou went over the Highway Department budget. He said that the prices for salt, sand and gravel have all increased. He also brought up that the Board had wanted to add \$10,000 to the budget for the purpose of purchasing and stockpiling gravel. Lou discussed the capital outlay purchases. He went over the paving of the lower part of Holden Hill that is currently dirt. He also went over the plans to paint the old Fire Station and redo the town common by the Meetinghouse. Bob brought up that the trees would be urban trees meant to withstand the abuse from the roads. Lou went over the chapters for the Master Plan and the proposed work to be done on the old Salt Shed. Lastly, the Board discussed the monies going to the capital reserve funds and the reasons the funds are needed.

Lou went over that the school tax rate should be going down again this year; he also brought up that the deliberative for the School is scheduled for February 6<sup>th</sup> and that it is an important meeting and urged people to go.

The Board thanked everyone for attending.

**8:25 Motion to end the Public Budget Hearing. (Nate, Lou)**

**Recognition of Visitors:**

The Board recognized Karla Wainwright. Karla discussed with the Board her difficulties in keeping up with her back taxes. Andrea Cheeney, tax collector, joined the meeting discussing the interest; the Board will look into working with Karla on the interest. Karla will come in on Thursday to discuss the elderly exemption and other avenues of assistance.

**Old Business:**

1. The Board heard updates concerning overdue taxes.

**New Business:**

1. The Board reviewed and signed POs for the Road Agent.

2. The Board discussed the upcoming interviews for Police Chief. The Board decided to hold interviews on the 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. They also discussed potential residents to sit in on the interviews and their responses.

3. Lou discussed the plans for a closet off of the voting room funded by the Community Club.

4. The Board reviewed and signed orders.

**8:56 Move to Adjourn. (Nate, Lou)**

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Jarvis