

TOWN OF LANGDON
UNAPPROVED SELECTBOARD MINUTES

December 9th, 2019

7:05 Meeting called to Order by Chairman Lou Beam.

Motion to accept the minutes as presented (Nate, Lou).

Lou Beam reviewed the Town Calendar.

December 10th Cemetery Committee Meeting at 7pm

December 12th Sewing Group 1-3

December 15th Langdon Church Christmas Service at 3pm

December 15th Langdon Town Christmas Party 4:15pm

December 16th Selectboard Meeting at 7pm

Recognition of Visitors:

The Board recognized Greg Chaffee, Langdon Fire Chief. Greg discussed the 2020 budget for the Fire Department. He said that Mutual Aid was going up 3% next year. This year he still has \$6,000 for a grant and \$5,000 for gear he still has to pay out. Greg said that the gear costs around \$2500 to \$3000 per person not including the helmet or boots. His proposed budget for 2020 is \$31,994 that they will round up to \$32,000. The Board and Greg discussed warrant articles for the SCOT packs and the rescue truck purchase. Greg will get a set quote on the truck. The Board discussed the money in the capital reserves for the purchases. Greg said that the Town needed to start putting money away for a new fire truck; the Board agreed that starting in 2021 the Town should look into putting \$25,000 to \$30,000 per year into a reserve fund for the \$400,000 estimated cost in 10 years. Virginia Foote had Lou sign paperwork for a grant from Homeland Security for medical equipment and gear. She said that the Town does not need to match funds. The Fire Department will pay for the cost of the gear and supplies and the Town will be reimbursed by the State. They are trying to have everything in place to use monies out of this year's budget. The Board thanked Greg and Virginia.

Lou mentioned that the taxes on the school's proposed budget, not including warrant articles, are down \$1.16 for Langdon. He also mentioned that there is only one warrant article that pertains to Langdon.

The Board welcomed Doug Beach, chair of the Cemetery Committee. Doug said he had stopped all spending to help out with the Town budget this year. He said that he would like his budget to remain at the \$10,650 it was this year. The Board asked if he could put together a line item budget for 2020 to recognize what projects he wanted to get done. Doug agreed. He also asked about the land that the Cheeney's had given the Town for the Cemetery. He noted that it needs to have been deeded to the Cemetery not the Town. Jess will investigate. The Board thanked Doug.

The Board recognized Todd Porter, Road Agent. Todd's proposed budget for 2020 is \$197,000 down from \$198,519 in 2019. But that the 2020 budget does not include the purchase of gravel. Todd estimates that he in uses approximately 1200 yards per year. He does have graveling on Holden Hill Road, prior to paving, and the front half of Hemlock Road to gravel this year. Todd buys the gravel to \$16.50 per yard delivered. Todd and the Board discussed purchasing 1000 yards in 2020. \$7,400 to come from the money for the State and raise \$9,100 through taxation.

The Board discussed the office budget.

Old Business:

1. The Board discussed that the State says the town can put up no thru trucks signs on Winch Hill. The Board discussed and asked to call back the State.

New Business:

1. The Board discussed a rebate for a resident concerning a registration.

2. The Board reviewed and signed Payroll.

3. The Board reviewed and signed Orders.

8:47 Move to Adjourn. (Nate, Devin)

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Jarvis