

TOWN OF LANGDON

UNAPPROVED SELECTBOARD MINUTES

December 4th, 2017

7:03 Meeting to Order by Chair Ronald Batchelder.

Present: Ronald Batchelder , Bud Ross and Lou Beam.

Minutes of the November 27th meeting accepted as written. (3-0)

Recognition of Visitors:

Greg Chaffee, Langdon Fire Chief, presented his budget for 2018. His budget is up \$74 from last year. He mentioned that licenses and Mutual Aid costs were up. Greg also discussed that the masks that are being used are 15 years old and rated for 300 degrees while the rest of the gear is rated for 500 degrees. Greg plans on spending the remaining money in this years' budget on masks and purchase a couple voice boxes. He would purchase the remaining voice boxes needed next year. Greg said that he was looking at spacing out gear updates but had two that needed replacing. Greg and the Board also discussed vehicles. The Board agreed on the budget of \$31,500.

Doug Beach, Chair of the Cemetery Committee, discussed his proposed budget of \$10,600., same as the prior year. Doug mentioned that for this year they have some payroll left and they would like to order lumber, a door and a roof this year with the remaining monies to build a shed in 2018. Doug thought they could space out the costs over the two years and pour concrete next year. They discussed the size of the shed and noted that they would need a variance if they wanted to build larger than the 20X17 there now. The Board approved the budget.

Ray Gosetti, Police Chief, discussed the Police Departments 2018 budget. He said that the budget would be cut to \$44,852. He noted that payroll was not where he had expected it this year. Ray said that the Department did have a couple unexpected bills, like tire replacement this year. He also noted that the computer for the Department was in and he would be picking it up this week. The Board okayed the budget proposal.

Todd Porter, Road Agent, said his proposed budget for 2018 is up \$600 from last year due mainly to culvert projects and the addition of some summer help. Todd and the Board discussed the salt and sand accumulation and how it would affect next years' budget. They also discussed paving on Hemlock and Old Drewsville to Comstock Road. Hemlock would be approximately \$79,360 and the other portion would be \$33,976. The Board discussed other warrant articles noting that there is nothing costly projected for next year. The Board also discussed the Grader contract and would like to get it signed noting that it would depend upon the vote at Town Meeting. Lou mentioned that by using fund balance that the impact of the paving on taxation should be about usual. Todd said they probably had another four years in the big truck before replacing it would become an issue and the Grader, after repairs, should have another ten years. The Board thought to look into the Capital Reserves to consider future purchases.

Ronald Batchelder, reviewed the Town Calendar.

December 6th Retirees Coffee Hours 10-12

December 11th Selectboard Meeting 7pm

December 12th Cemetery Committee Meeting 7pm

December 14th Sewing Group 1-3

December 17th non denominational Christmas Service at the Church on Village Road 3pm

December 17th Langdon Town Christmas Party 4pm at the Meetinghouse

December 18th Selectboard Meeting 7pm

Old Business:

1. The Board reviewed an application template for Earth Excavations.
2. Lou brought up that Mascoma Bank is going to be charging \$15 per month on checking accounts in 2018 which would cost the Town over \$1000 a year.

Motion to investigate the possibility of moving the Town accounts to another bank. (Lou, Bud)

3. Bud brought up the sign on Village Road. He said he had checked it out and it was difficult to see coming from Alstead. The Board decided to reposition the sign and on the State's recommendation purchase a bigger, reflective sign.

New Business:

1. The Board reviewed a NH DOT assessment of the Town bridges. DOT noted that one weight sign was missing at both the Hemlock and Cold River Bridges. The Board will let Todd know.
2. The Board read a letter of resignation from Roger Landry.
3. The Board reviewed a letter from SAU60 concerning a warrant article they are proposing to allow only the Town's residents to vote on the Town's representation on the School Board. The Selectboard agreed that made sense.

8:12 The Board voted to enter into non public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (a). (Lou, Bud)

8:27 The Board voted to reenter public meeting and seal the minutes from the non public meeting. (Lou, Bud)

4. The Board reviewed and signed a PO for the Road Agent.
5. The Board approved a refund for a double payment of taxes.
6. The Board discussed the stripping and waxing of the voting room floor. They also discussed the billing of the school.

8:37 Move to Adjourn. (Lou, Bud)

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Jarvis