

Selectboard Meeting January 9, 2019

Members present: Brian Johnson, Kate Siepmann, Toni Pippy, John Freitag, Lauri Berkenkamp
Others present: Lisa Bragg, Gil Robertson (briefly)

Meeting was called to order at 6 p.m.

Citizens' concerns

There were no citizens' concerns

Highways and equipment update

Funding for truck purchase:

Lisa presented what Daimler could offer: 4.62 percent for 5 years, which would be \$36,712.37. Lisa will research Mascoma's rates and present at the next meeting.

2018 and 2019 budgets:

Budgets were tabled and will be discussed at a later meeting.

Vacancy:

Erin Masteller submitted his resignation.

Approve minutes of January 2, 2019

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes of January 2, 2019.

Correspondence

Email re: FEMA reimbursement for administrative work. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to opt in to the extra money offered by FEMA for administrative work related to the July 1, 2017 storm.

Response to letter from DesMeules, Olmstead & Ostler regarding Hug right of way:

Brian and John F. met with Todd Robinson, caretaker for the Hugs. The Hugs plan to tear out their wall, cut down the trees, and build a new wall. Board will go ahead with the site visit on April 10 as noted in the minutes of January 2, 2019. Board agreed that should Dr. Hug want to make changes to any structures in the town right of way, he must present his proposed changes to the board for approval prior to any work. Brian will get in touch with Mr. Robinson to let him know that as with other changes in the town right of way, this needs Board approval and he and/or Dr Hug are welcome to come and present what they would like to do. John Freitag will work with the town attorney to see if it is necessary to directly respond to Dr. Hug's attorneys.

Fire and rescue budget FY 2019

Shawn Harlow presented the Strafford Fireman's Association budget. The budget request is approximately \$13,000 higher for FY 19, which includes an \$8,000 increase in the membership fee for Hanover Dispatch and a \$5,000 grant match for new equipment.

Town office committee report

Kate Siepmann member of the Town Office Committee (ADHoc members, Lisa M Bragg, Kate Siepmann, Curt Albee and Tom Root) presented a proposal and budget for creating a restoration plan for the town office, which is in great need of repair and refurbishment. The board discussed the best way to move forward and agreed to work with the architecture firm that had proposed a plan for consulting and preliminary design services.

The board agreed to propose an article on the Warning for Town Meeting to set up a reserve fund for the project.

2018 Budget

Nothing new to report

2019 Budget

The board discussed several budget items and will work on finalizing budget items by the January 28 deadline.

General

Update on highway bill to allow use of paving grants: John reports that Tim Briglin is putting this forward to the state transportation committee again. John also reached out to VLCT to suggest distributing the gas tax revenue to towns for their own use.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lauri Berkenkamp
Recording Clerk