

Town of New Haven
Selectboard Budget Meeting
3:00 pm
Monday, December 28, 2009
Town Offices

Present: Roger Boise, Pat Paquette, Kathy Barrett, Kathleen Ready, Pam Marsh,
Treasurer, Barb Torian and Clerk, Pam Kingman
Visitors: Bev Landon

AGENDA

VISITORS BUSINESS:

1. Bev Landon - Calendar year vs. Fiscal year: Mrs. Landon wondered if the board is going to put this on the warning for Town Meeting. She would like to ask each Selectboard member how they feel about changing from the calendar to fiscal year. Pam Marsh said she would rather not discuss it at this budget meeting, and will let her know when the Board will be discussing it in the future. Bev Landon also questioned why the Selectboard took so long to appoint a new member, she said with the Towns website being down it is hard to stay informed. Pam Marsh said the Board is trying to rectify website issue, and Kathy Barrett was just recently chosen because the Board wanted time to talk to each candidate.

BUDGET ITEMS DISCUSSED:

ROAD BUDGET:

- Looking to level fund for 2010.
- Co-Road commissioners looking to hire extra help with snow plowing. This will be a part time, "on call" employee at \$12.50 per hour.
- Pat Paquette made a motion to sell the mower attachment for the tractor (town no longer owns tractor) seconded by Roger Boise. 5 yes / 0 no
- Discuss creating a Bridge Fund to put on the warning for Town Meeting
- Discuss Sidewalk project and how to maintain in winter once they are installed
- Ford truck body still not done yet, hoping will get changed over the first week of January

GENERAL FUND BUDGET:

- Looking to level fund for 2010
- Discuss charging Field Days for use of Generator – tabled

- Discuss leasing a new copier - decision to stay with the current copier as there is still 2 years on the lease.
- Website - Barb Torian researched the websites of other towns in the county, she found they all use the same one. They provide training and it is very user friendly for everyone.
- Town Attorney, Cindy Hill has offered her services for a yearly up front fee of \$6,873; this is the same as last year. The Board is considering renewing Cindy Hill's contract for 2010.
- Level funding for the New Haven Fire Department at \$8,000. Anything exceeding this amount will have to come out of their operating expenses.
- Selectboard may request Auditors to reduce the stipend amount for the Selectboard.
- Job Descriptions were discussed
- Planning Commission needs a new Selectboard member to be authorized to log onto the website for Planning Grant. Keith Hall was the original authorized Selectboard member and he is no longer on the Selectboard. Pam Marsh authorized the Selectboard Chair and Roger Boise to act on behalf of the Selectboard.
- Per the Agreement between Beeman Elementary School and the Town, the Selectboard authorized Barb Torian to pay the School \$2,960, (in lieu of custodial services for the Town Hall) and hold the check until said agreement has been signed.
- Personnel Policy - Benefits will be available to employees working 25 regularly scheduled hours or more. Kathleen Ready made a motion to make the changes to the Personnel Policy with the changes discussed. Seconded by Kathy Barrett. 5 yes / 0 no

Adjourn: 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

Approved:

Pam Marsh, Chair

Kathy Barrett

Roger Boise

Pat Paquette

Kathleen Ready

