

**Town of New Haven
Selectboard Budget Meeting
7:00 pm
Thursday, January 13, 2011**

Present: Chair, Pam Marsh, Vice Chair, Roger Boise, Kathy Barrett, Kathleen Ready, Pat Paquette, Treasurer, Barb Torian and Clerk, Pam Kingman

ROAD BUDGET:

- Sidewalk Project – Town has paid its share, waiting for monies from the State.
- Discuss new Foreman's position – may have to increase amount to attract qualified person. Increase wage to \$45,000 plus benefits.
- Reduce overtime amount to \$12,500
- Bridge Fund – The state is in the process of doing a study on the Nash Bridge. We will have to pay \$10,000 as our share of the cost of the study. Kathy Barrett would like to see any money leftover from last year's bridge line item, put back in the Bridge Fund. After discussion, agreed to put \$20,000 into Bridge Fund.
- Discuss the possibility of purchasing an excavator. There is currently \$65,000 in the equipment fund. Roger priced a new, medium sized excavator at \$75,000. Also consider leasing one.
- Overall Road budget increased by 9.276%

Roger Boise made a motion to approve the Road Budget, seconded by Pat Paquette. 5 yes / 0 no

Pam Marsh recommended the Co-Road Commissioners put together a 5 year plan to be available for Town Meeting. This will enable us to be better prepared for questions at Town Meeting.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET:

- Reduce the amount in legal notices by \$250 for DRB and PC.
- Fire Dept. wants the Town to take over the maintenance of their furnace. Annual cleaning and repair.
- Overall General Fund increase by 19.895%

Roger Boise made a motion to approve the General Fund Budget, with changes, seconded by Kathleen Ready. 5 yes / 0 no

Since 1991, the Selectboard has asked Outside Agencies to petition the Town for 5 consecutive years. Once funds have been approved for those 5 years, they may submit a letter of request for the same dollar amount, and their ballot question will be put on the warning automatically.

If the amount were to change, then they will need to start the process all over again.

Today, January 13, 2011, the Selectboard agreed not to change this policy.

Adjourn: 8:55 pm
Respectfully submitted:
Pam Kingman
Approved:


Chair, Pam Marsh


Vice Chair, Roger Boise


Kathy Barrett


Pat Paquette


Kathleen Ready