

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2016
6:30 P.M. Town Office Meeting Room

Budget Committee: Thaddeus Day, Kevin Desmond, Sandra Falsey, Grace Lovell, Keith Thompson, Pamela Ames

Town Manager: Rosemary Roy

Liaison to Board of Selectmen: Alex Carr, absent

Work on the Proposed FYE17 Budget:

Rosemary passed out updated sheets for **Municipal Administration** and **Community Services**.

Social Service Agencies: We continued our discussion about the budget. Because Opportunity Alliance is more than \$4,000, we'd like to have them present during the next budget cycle what services they provide for the town and how they derive their numbers.

We also want to develop a standardized letter for Rosemary to send to the agencies this summer asking them for specific pieces of information (such as numbers of residents served, type of service, value, etc.). This tool would assist us in making sound funding decisions.

Public Works Department: Clark Baston (and his wife Marlee) attended the meeting to answer our questions and provide more details to support the budget requests. For example, we all have a better understanding of culvert replacement using slip liners. Even though we're budgeting to spend more money now, the crew is more efficiently 'replacing' culverts without tearing up the road, and the new style will last beyond our time.

Clark explained the difference between 'cold patch' and 'cold mix' and each product's purpose.

We had fun learning about the liquid de-icer called 'Magic Minus Zero', a molasses and magnesium chloride product that smells wonderful and binds to the road better; it's also less corrosive to the truck bodies than calcium chloride.

We reviewed the roads scheduled for maintenance in this budget cycle. Because asphalt is a petroleum product, price quotes are very favorable this year. PWD has a plan to pave approximately 11,000 feet per year. They have found that when they defer work on a road, it ends up posing more problems than if it had been paved on schedule.

After being repaired a few years ago, the Salt Shed is leaking again. Clark would like to solicit a structural engineer's opinion about the area where the wood joins the concrete to make sure the building is well-supported and will hold up in the future.

Who maintains the Memorial Highway Stone Markers that were built to commemorate WWI (yes 'one')? They were last pointed up in 1980 for the town's Tricentennial, and one was replaced after it was destroyed by a vehicular accident. Perhaps a historical-type grant would pay for the costs.

Solid Waste: The committee discussed the need to improve our recycling rates and reduce fees for trash disposal. HHW (Household Hazardous Waste) Collection: did we decide to participate in FYE 2017?

Next Meeting:

-February 25, Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Budget Committee workshop

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Respectfully submitted by Pamela Ames