

Bd of Finance/Bd of Selectmen Minutes
Joint Meeting October 7, 2015
Warren Town Hall, 50 Cemetery Rd.
Meeting Room

Board of Finance members present: Susan Haxo, Jack Travers, Luke Tanner, David Robinson.

Regrets: Robyn Kasler, Robert Kennedy

Board of Selectmen present: Craig Nelson, Calvin Tanner, Stephen Warshaw.

Also present: Treasurer Colleen Frisbie

The meeting was opened at 7:10 pm by Jack Travers.

- 1.) Jeff Horn, Roger Tanner and John Meeker of the WVFC addressed the board regarding the status of two fire trucks and the need for their replacement. Mr. Horn presented a layout of the issues and the company's needs. Two trucks, Engines 6 and 3, need immediate replacing. The company intends to purchase a used truck from Washington with their own funds to replace Engine 6 but need town assistance with the purchase of a new truck to replace Engine 3. The new truck will take about two years to build. We have \$280,000 toward the purchase of a new truck but the company is requesting more as they have other major equipment upgrades that need attention. Jack will begin the work on the 5 year capital plan and will try to get additional funds for a new truck into the plan. He will try to get figures to the company in time for their December meeting.
- 2.) Review of Expenditures: Nothing is out of line at this point. A new law has passed that town budgets cannot increase more than 2.5%, this includes school budgets. The board questioned how this will work.
- 3.) Sue Haxo moved to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2015 meeting, second by Dave Robinson. All in favor, the motion carried.
- 4.) Discussion on funding for improvements at the Town Garage: The salt shed roof needs replacing, estimate received is \$38,000. The evaporator at the garage needs to be replaced at a cost of \$20,000, and it would only be good for five years. The selectmen are recommending replacing it with an oil separator system at a cost of \$15,000. A storage shed to be attached to the salt shed had been requested, estimate is \$38,000. The Town Garage roof needs replacing. \$150,000 has been set aside for this project, however the estimate for aluminum roofing (which the Bd Selectmen recommends) is \$172,000, so an additional \$22,000 is needed. Craig Nelson pointed out that Public Act 15-5, Sections 58-71 has passed which requires that any public works contract over \$50,000 meet Nondiscrimination, Affirmative Action Provisions. The garage roof repair does not meet this requirement as it had already gone out to bid.

Josh Tanner spoke to the need for more storage area as we will be housing the street sweeper and have new plows, etc. to store. Jack Travers again pointed to the need to develop the 5 year capital plan and suggested that this project be put on hold and made a priority of that plan. He also suggested that the \$15,000 oil separator be paid for with operating funds, leaving the need for \$38,000 for the salt shed roof and the additional \$22,000 needed for the garage roof replacement.

Jack Travers moved to endorse asking the Selectmen to bring town meeting the request to allocate \$60,000 in additional funds for repairs at the highway department with the funds to come out of undesignated fund balance. Seconded by Sue Haxo. All in favor, the motion carried.

- 5.) Other business: Craig Nelson reported that there is lawsuit pending against the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm (D. Robinson/L. Tanner). All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne C. Tiedmann