



Warner Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes Thursday, October 12, 2017 APPROVED

Chairman Dabuliewicz opened the meeting at 3:42 pm

Attendance: Selectman John Dabuliewicz – Chairman, Selectman Kimberley Edelmann, Selectman Clyde Carson and Town Administrator – Jim Bingham

Others present: Apryl Blood, Nancy Martin

2018 Budget Review

1. Parks & Recreation Commission Highlights

- A. Apryl Blood from the Parks & Recreation Commission put together a budget for 2018.
- B. Asking for additional part time help. Apryl said she budgeted 200 hours for \$2,600, she herself put well over 200 hours this past spring trying to keep up with things Alan Piroso didn't have time to do with the infields at Riverside. Clyde said this is not additional work, it's work that has been consistently completed by volunteers. Apryl said this year Alan will run out of hours before he can finish his yearly maintenance for the parks. John asked Apryl for some examples of the work that is being covered by volunteers. Apryl said she was down at Riverside everyday for 2 hours each day dragging the infields, there are 3 fields that need to be dragged daily. That is where she came up with the 200 hours which is on the conservative side, from April through June. The need for part time help will be discussed with the Director of Public Works on his scheduled meeting with the Board.
- C. There is an increase in sanitation because of the need for handi-cap portable toilets at Riverside during the season. Bagley Field will also be updated with one for year round.
- D. Increases for the ice rink for maintenance and the liner. There are \$4,200 increase in improvements and maintenance which includes security camera's at Bagley Field, a shed at Riverside, fertilizer and seed, the fence at the baseball field needs to be relocated and one additional camera at Riverside. Apryl will be looking into some grant money for the shed.
- E. The septic systems for Riverside and Silver Lake have been pumped and placed on a schedule.
- F. Jim said he has asked Alan Piroso for a list of his personal equipment he uses. Alan uses his personal ATV for aerating, dump trailer for hauling brush, trailer to haul mower, trailer with his tracker, chain saws, brush cutters, hand spreader, plumbing and carpentry tools and his pick-up truck. This need to be kept in mind in the future.
- G. The total increase to the budget is \$8,200.
- H. Clyde recommended starting a capital reserve fund to replace the field house, it's going to need it in a few years.

2. Conservation Commission

- A. The budget increased by 8.6%, a \$75.00 increase.
- B. Nancy would like to add an additional \$50 for public notices. The Commission has several projects coming

up for next year and Nancy anticipates the need for more notices. One is a Forest Society project on Kearsarge Mountain, another is a local farm. The Forest Society and Ausbon Sargent have asked for LCHIP funds to help with both easements, but the Conservation Funds will also be asked to support those 2 projects; there will be several hearings involved. Nancy said in her absence advertising was used for the River Nomination, which shouldn't have been used for that purpose. Jim will have the Bookkeeper run off a detail report on the advertising expenses to see if there is a trend.

- C. Nancy said Central NH Regional Planning Commission is going to write a grant application to assist with the River Nomination. If the nomination goes through we will be charged with forming a local advisory council. CNHRPC wants to write a grant application in the amount of \$1,500 to assist in the formation of the local advisory council and some of the start up costs.

3. Building Inspector & Compliance Officer

- A. \$30.00 reduction in this budget.

4. Old Grade School

- A. The goal is to try to keep the costs for this building as low as possible.
- B. Heating fuel increased by \$300 due to the cost of the fuel, \$1.65 per gallon last year, \$1.93 per gallon this year. Because of the efficiencies that were completed, the hope is the number of gallons used will be reduced this coming year.
- C. Projects for next year include sealing the parking lot, sandblasting and painting the fire escape and some interior wall repairs.

5. Town Hall

- A. No major changes.

6. Health & Welfare

- A. Clyde wanted to talk about whether the Board should reinstate a separate Welfare Director. Jim recommended doing so with shared services. Jim said because of the low volume of applicants, on average maybe 60 hours a year is being used, Jim doesn't see the need for a separate Director, however, he will look into a the cost for a separate Director. Clyde said he has looked around and most towns have a separate Director.

7. Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 5:10 pm.

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John Dabuliewicz – Chairman
Clyde Carson
Kimberley Edelmann

Recorder of the minutes: Mary Whalen