

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS
MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD
MINUTES

Date: February 15, 2017
Time: 9:00am
Place: Town Hall
Egremont

Present at the table were Chairman Flynn, Vice-Chairman Turner(arrived 9:11am), Selectman Brazie, Also present were Marc Levesseur, and for parts of the meeting Bruce Bernstein, Laura Allen, Georgette Kinney, Steve Rawlings and Steve Agar.

This meeting is audio and visually recorded.

The Board approved the following budget requests:
Egremont Garden Club \$200

Marc Levesseur, Foresight Engineering, reported that progress on the Mount Washington Road bridge is now actually ahead of schedule. The structure is in, snow removal has been conducted, heating coils are being installed so that grouting can take place on Friday. The grout will remain heated over the weekend. Next week back filling will take place and the culvert will be pulled. Marc will update the board via email on Wednesday, February 22. There was a small key way issue - two of the footings were made backward but the pre-caster re-cut them in a way that won't affect the structural integrity. The Board will meet with Marc again on March 1 and then March 15 at 9am. Road Superintendent Jim Noe will be asked if the Town can use the culvert that is being pulled out.

The Board discussed the Water Department's amended budget with Steve Agar. He was asked to amend it again to correct the debt amount.

The Board discussed the Council on Aging's budget request with Bruce Bernstein and Georgette Kinney. The Council wants to remove funds for the Southern Berkshire Elderly Transport Corporation from its town budget and the state formula grant and totally fund it in a separate line item. The amount for the transportation is \$10,378. The Council would like to use the state formula grant, about \$4300, to hire an Administrative Coordinator. The Council will then need to increase its expense budget to cover the programs that were being paid by the formula grant. A job description is being formulated for the Administrative Coordinator.

The Board approved the following budget requests:
Health Insurance \$238408
Animal Control Exp \$1000
Railroad Street Youth \$1500
Dispatch Services \$10316

The break down of the Highway budget was reviewed. \$50,000 is proposed for Vehicles to include fuel, maintenance and repairs, and \$180,800 for road construction and maintenance. The Board decided to look at this budget later for possibly including more funds for construction and maintenance. The Board questioned if the vacancy on the Road Department really needed to be filled.

The Board voted to increase Interest on Short Term Notes to \$10,000 to cover any short term borrowing for Broadband.

The Board approved the following requests:

Repair Surplus Truck	\$45,000	special article
New Tractor	\$30,000	special article
Hydrant Exp	\$2,000	

The Board discussed the proposed school budget. The spreadsheets are confusing. Repairs are being requested at the New Marlborough school. The Board feels that the Town of New Marlborough should budget funds to make the repairs.

The proposals for the repairs to the South Egremont School have all come in over estimate. The Board agreed to move forward with the project and get what work needs to be done by June 30 under the grant agreement done. The Board will place an article on the May 2 special town meeting to further fund the school house project.

The Board would like to see the reimbursement for the Veteran's benefits being paid.

The Board will hold another budget meeting on Wednesday, February 22 at 9am.

The Board approved the following budget requests:

Tree Work	\$20,000
Town Telephone	\$9,600

Meeting adjourned at 10:55am.

Mary Brazie,
Office Administrator

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