

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 18, 2018, 5:30 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker, Laurie Colgan and Christopher Martin; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Ty Roland and Toby Talbot (East Montpelier Emergency Services)

At 5:30 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Martin

Changes or additions to the agenda: none

Public Comment: none

Review and Approval of Minutes: The Board approved the minutes of the December 11, 2018 minutes.

Ambulance Service: Toby and Ty from EMES gave the Board a recap of the first 6 months. They presented a new contract, with a 3% increase over this year. They are asking for an increase because they are looking to increase their paid staffing levels but they are increasing it gradually. They offered a one-year or three-year contract. The Selectboard decided that a three-year contract would be more profitable.

Tax Anticipation Note: Bobbi reviewed the bids received for the Town's borrowing in 2019. The Board chose Union Bank for the loan. The loan documents will be executed at the next meeting.

School Street: The Town's request to upgrade School Street to Class 2 was denied. The Selectboard will send a letter asking for reconsideration.

Budgets: The Selectboard reviewed the budget. The Selectboard's budget is up just over 1%, but the surplus is down \$47,000. The Selectboard increased the Cemetery appropriation to \$14,000, the amount of the average cemetery expenses for the last several years. The projected tax increase is 6.6%, but may change depending on last-minute expenses and interest earned. The Board met with the Budget Committee to answer questions.

Personnel: Laurie moved to increase employee wages 2.8% in line with the increase in the Consumer Price Index, except for the road crew who got raises earlier. Rich seconded – all in favor.

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll, and approved one change to the grand list.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the December 18, 2018 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
