

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

December 7, 2010

This budget work session was called to order at 7:00pm at the Town Offices in Dummerston, Vermont.

Members Present: Chair Andrew MacFarland, Tom Bodett, Greg Brown, Wayne Emery, and Zeke Goodband

Also Present: Lee Chamberlin, Asst. Fire Chief Marty Forrett, Fire Chief Rick Looman, Pam McFadden, Jean Newell, Gail Sorenson, and Laurie Frechette

Fire Chief Rick Looman and Asst. Chief Marty Forrett spoke to the Board about their budget request which has increased from \$40,000 to \$45,000 for FY 2012. The Fire Dept. needs to replace a great deal of equipment which is required by federal regulations. The Board discussed adding a line item to the Capital Budget Plan for "Fire Equipment Replacement".

Gail Sorenson reported that the Social Services Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday afternoon to decide on their recommendations to the Selectboard for FY 2012.

The Board discussed health insurance options for town employees. Tom moved to adopt the VLCT Value High Deductible \$1500 Plan for 2011; with the Town contributing \$750(in 2 installments – 1 in January; 1 in July) to each employee's Health Savings Account (HSA) and \$1000 to each Health Reimbursement Account (HRA). Greg seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

In discussing possible wage increases for town employees, the Board agreed to consider a 5% increase for the highway crew, road foreman and town treasurer; along with a 3.5% increase for all other employees.

Greg made a motion to put an article on the Town Meeting warning which will include the following wording, "To establish a Highway Structures Replacement Fund and appropriate a total of \$17,064, using \$4064.65 FY 2010 Highway surplus and an additional appropriation of \$13,000 to be raised from taxes.

The Board reviewed, with Lee, the FY 2012 Highway Maintenance budget request.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

December 15, 2010
Approved

Andrew MacFarland, Chair

Wayne Emery, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant