

UNAPPROVED

SelectBoard Budget Work Session Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Zeke Goodband at 5:00 p.m. at the Town Offices in Dummerston, Vermont.

Members present: Joe Cook, Steve Glabach, Zeke Goodband and Gurudharm Khalsa.

Not present: Lewis White.

Also present: Pam McFadden, Laurie Frechette, Rich Cogliano, Marty Forrett, Rick Looman, Keith Marshall, Molly Stoner, and Ellen Nam.

The West Dummerston Volunteer Fire Department presented its budget for the next fiscal year. Rich Cogliano explained that some of the department's equipment dates back to 1941, and is wearing out. Total income is expected to rise from \$88,150 to \$90,750. The department asked the Town for an appropriation of \$51,000, which represents the difference between its projected revenue and expenses. The new building for the fire department will be discussed at a later time.

Pam McFadden addressed projected health insurance costs for the next year. While three employees are covered by the Town this year, four employees will be covered by the Town's health insurance policy next year. The resulting \$7,774 premium increase is more than offset by the \$11,250 health reimbursement account carryover, which is due to the fact that none of the three employees drew upon that account this year. The total cost of health insurance for the Town is expected to decline from \$34,632 to \$32,688.

Keith Marshall, Molly Stoner, and Ellen Nam discussed their ambitious plans for the recreation department next year. They are making an effort to offer recreational opportunities to adults. Plans include a volleyball court and community pavilion at the school, snowshoe rentals, a community gathering and dance, and ultimate frisbee. The recreation department requested \$2,000 from the Town next year. \$1,000 was appropriated last year. The recreation department will continue to publicize its activities through the Views of Dummerston. The Town's website was also suggested

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Joe Cook, Clerk

Submitted by: Joe Cook, Clerk