

UNAPPROVED

**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES**

December 30, 2024

This meeting was called to order by Todd Davidson, Chair, at 6:03 pm at the Town Office in Dummerston, Vermont & on Zoom.

**Members present:** Todd Davidson, Maria Glabach, Tom Nolan

**Members present on Zoom:** Paul Adler

**Members absent:** Alex Wilson

**Also present:** Lee Chamberlin, Paul Normandeau

**Also Present on Zoom:** Chris Brown, Laurie Frechette

**Budget Work:**

**Structures Fund:**

The Board and Lee discussed the structures plan. Todd stated that the structures list will be posted on the Town website. The consensus was to not budget for any monies to go into the fund in FY26. Starting with FY27 \$85,000 will be put into the structures fund and if this remains consistent, should allow Lee to work on/replace structures as needed along with grant money received.

**Highway Fund:**

Lee and the Board discussed the line items for sand, salt, overtime wages, and diesel fuel. A large sand stockpile is needed to keep it from freezing, as no salt is added to it.

Lee will put the diesel fuel pricing out to bid in June. This was the only line item in the Highway budget to be reduced to \$42,000.

Lawnmowing will also go out to bid.

**General Fund:**

A few line items were reduced. Paul is looking into the animal control contract increase. The library request will also be reduced. The consensus of the Board was for the Library Trustees to present to the voters at Town Meeting for the increase for the new children's program. Todd will reach out to them and let them know.

For future budgets, the Board would like to receive more information and specifics regarding the Fire Department. No change was made to their request.

**Capital Fund:**

Will remain at \$245,000.

The Board discussed the timing, as to when the budget and warning need to be approved. The Board may have a special meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> make approvals.

Todd will write the article for the Views explaining budget items.

There being no other business to come before the Board, Maria made the motion and second from Tom, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

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Approved

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Todd Davidson, Chair

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Alex Wilson, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk