

2014-1-6

Windham Select Board

Regular Meeting

January 6, 2014

Present: Mary Boyer Chair

Margaret Dwyer Selectman

Peter Chamberlain Town Treasurer

Alison Trowbridge Clerk

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 4:05 pm by Mary Boyer with quorum of Board present.

The agenda was presented with some deviations due to meeting changes resulting from inclement weather (no road foreman report and no auditors' report.)

2014 Budget:

1. Auditors' Budget: The Board reviewed the auditors' budget from 2013 and considered their request for a salary of \$4500 (up from \$3000 in 2013) due to the increased work they have learned they should be doing—reviewing delinquent taxes, recording fees and taxes collected in the grand list. The Board will ask the auditors to consult with Bill Hall of VLCT to find out more about the recommended frequency for a town to get a professional, outside audit and to find out the best way to fund these audits. The Board will come back to the auditors' budget when this information is received.

2. Social Services, Public Safety, and Appropriations, Dues, Fees, Taxes Budgets: These were reviewed by the Board with few changes from 2013 amounts. Alison will research to see if Windham County Reads still exists as an organization and will check on Meals on Wheels. Alison will also contact Windham Fire Company Officers, Michael McLaine and Rick Weitzel, to have them come to a Select Board meeting with their proposed budget.

3. Road Equipment Use Fund: The Board discussed the idea of possibly dissolving the road equipment use fund because of confusion in its administration and the complicated nature of its accounting. This topic will be revisited by the Board in upcoming meetings.

4. Town Meeting Warning: It was noted that the Red Cross has submitted a Town Meeting funding request for the first time and this will need to be warned. The deadline for posting the warning for Town Meeting is February 2.

5. Minutes of 12/16/13: Mary made a motion to approve the minutes of 12/16/13 as written with omission of the parenthetical statement in #7. Margaret seconded, the Board voted all in favor and the motion carried.

6. Town Alcohol/Drug Policy: Alison will schedule a meeting with Wade Masure, of VLCT, for

the afternoon of January 16. In addition to Alison and Mary attending this meeting, Marcia Clinton, the Town Health Officer, is expected to be there as well.

7. Mail/ Signatures: The Board reviewed mail, and signed pay orders.

8. Motion to Adjourn: Mary made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50. Margaret seconded and the Board voted all in favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:55.

Date Approved_____ Town Clerk
