

Finance Committee Meeting
1/3/07
AMENDED

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Babb at 7:00 PM.

Members present Todd Abbott, Dan Babb, Tina Cote, Joe Simpson, Janice Young and Committee Secretary, Nancy Roberge.

Capital Plan - Road Review:

Nancy indicated that the meetings had been scheduled for Road Review on January 10th at 7:00 PM and Fire Department on January 17th at 7:00 PM to go over capital plans

Does the Road Review Committee use a grading system to evaluate the roads in which Bennett Hill and McLucas Road were chosen?

It was questioned why the town is building new roads rather than spending money to maintain and do repairs on other roads?

Dan suggested that the town needs to get a grading system and state accepted road list before spending any more money on roads.

Janice asked how they are prioritizing roads for repair?

It was suggested if the town had a road grading system (program) you could have a 10 or 20 year plan it would make it easier to select the roads that needed repair and there would be no question as to why repairs need to be done.

Nancy indicated that the Road Review Committee is creating a road list of all the public, private, abandoned and discontinued roads in town with the intent to be voted on by the Selectmen.

Tina asked what our goal was and it was said that only recommendations can be made. Janice asked if the Finance Committee will be able to give a referendum recommendation this year, since they were unable to last year.

The question on plowing in the budget is does the budget include a fuel surcharge? And on sanding, why doesn't the sanding contractor provide the sand? In most other towns, the contractor provides the sand and their own fuel. Does the budget include hauling the sand?

The question was also asked where fire hydrants fit into the budget.

There was a discussion of if there is a feasibility for a public works department in the

future.

Fire Department - Capital Plan:

There are four full time employees at the Fire Department

Per Diem - \$130,000 in the budget. Tina asked if per diem is overtime or for the students? It was stated that per diem was supposed to be for fire calls.

Janice asked what was being done to decrease the ISO rating in Waterboro. Waterboro's ISO rating is at a 5/9.

Todd asked if we are meeting ISO rating with North Station.

There was a discussion regarding improving the ISO rating and how it could benefit the town.

Janice passed out to the committee an example summary of line item budgeting to be gone over with the committee with changes and suggestions and to be given to the Selectmen.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dan and seconded by Tina. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Roberge,
Committee Secretary