

SPECIAL MEETING TENTATIVE BUDGET

SEPTEMBER 29, 2014

At the Special Meeting held on Tuesday, September 29, 2014 at the Hopkinton Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Wood, Councilpersons Potter, Crump, Lyon, Sochia, Superintendent of Highways Green, Clerk French, Judge David Beekman, Annette Green.

Supervisor Wood called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Board was presented with information telling them what the maximum amount of contingency can be. They were also presented with a Schedule of Estimated Fund Balances.

Budget Officer French went through the changes in the budget. Added was the Library railings. There was a correction in the Highway Supt health insurance. Services for other Governments was raised by 7%, which the county is proposing. The estimate for doing town hall renovations was still not ready. At this point the Budget is under the 2%.

Judge Beekman addressed the Board in regards to why he was the only elected official salary that was not increased by 3%. He stated that since he started he has settled 263 delinquent cases. He is now caught up and has no delinquent cases pending. He felt that if they Board was unhappy with his work he would like a written statement from them in that regards.

The Board responded that the cost of running the court has increased due to the fact we still have a Court Clerk, which was suppose to be a temporary position until he was caught up. Revenues have also started to decline since catching up on the delinquent cases. They asked Judge Beekman if he still needs the assistance of a Court Clerk and he responded that he did.

The Board discussed this and decided to increase the wages of the Judge and Court Clerk by 3% for 2015.

Mr. Green reported to the Board that he will need to purchase sand next year. He has found a place where we can get the sand. The property is owned by David Fullerton on the Beebe Road, cut the Town has to apply for a mining permit at an estimated cost of \$1800.00 to \$2500.00.

He has also developed a work sheet for the County Road Plowing. Each time an employee plows the County Road they need to log it on the form. He hopes this will get us an actual cost of plowing.

Mr. Green asked the Board to approve payment to LBL Outfitters in the amount of \$5195.00 for a tow behind trailer. He is going to use some of his CHIPS money for the purchase.

Supv. Wood reported that she had talked with Gary Pecore in regards to replacing the trees that died at the Ft. Jackson Park entrance.

Ms Potter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump to approve payment to LBL Outfitters in the amount of \$5195.00. Adopted unanimously.

Ms Potter made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to adopt the Tentative Budget as the Preliminary Budget for 2015.

Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump to hold a Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget on October 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hopkinton Town Hall. Adopted unanimously.

Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vickie French

RMC

