

SPECIAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

At the Special Meeting held on Monday, September 14, 2015 at the Hopkinton Town Office at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Supv. Wood, Councilpersons Lyon, Crump arrived at 7:00 p.m., Sochia, Supt. of Highways Green, Clerk French, Steve Parker arrived at 6:51 p.m.

ABSENT: Councilman Potter.

Supv. Wood called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Supv. Wood explained the Special Meeting was to discuss the 2016 Budget and turned the meeting over to the Budget Officer, Vickie French.

Mrs. French went through the Budget as it was compiled. Discussion was held .

Supv. wood suggested that the Board look at cutting the wages for the Court Clerk. It was suggested that we possibly pay the clerk by the hour and limit it to 10 hours per month.

The St. Regis Falls Adult Center asked for a \$500.00 raise. The Board decided to actually reduce the contract to \$2500.00.

Discussion was held on the Highway Supt making a 20% contribution to his health insurance while the employees only contribute \$13.39/week. Supv. Wood felt he should not have to contribute at all, due to the fact that he makes less money than the employees. No decision was made.

Mr. Green made the Board aware of having to replace the bridge on the Lake Ozonia Road in the near future. The County Engineer is going to draw up a replacement plan and we will prepare a four (4) year plan to get the job done. The cost could be between \$175,000 and \$200,000.00.

Budget Officer French reported to the Board that we are over the Tax Cap by \$15,000.00.

Some suggested cuts were to lower the Town Board salary by \$250.00 each and the Supervisor salary by \$1,000.00.

Lower the St. Regis Falls Adult Center Contract to \$2500.00, reduce the other following: Justice Court Clerk by \$2500.00, Attorney \$1,000.00, Museum \$1,000.00, Garage \$2,000.00.

Budget Officer French reported to the Board that as soon as she has the tentative estimated fund balances we may be able to up the unexpended in the General Fund from \$65,000.00 to d\$70,000.00 to help offset the increase.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Vickie L French

RMC