

TOWN OF SWANTON
DRAFT MINUTES
SELECTBOARD FINANCE MEETING
Swanton Town Office Building
1 Academy Street, Swanton, VT 05488

Tuesday, September 15, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m.

Present: Dan Billado, Selectboard Chair; Joel Clark, Selectboard Vice Chair; John Lavoie and William "Turk" Thompson, Selectman; Yaasha Wheeler, Secretary; David Jescavage, Town Administrator; Cathy Fournier, Town Clerk.

1. Call to Order

Mr. Billado opened the meeting at 6:33 p.m. He turned the meeting over to Cathy Fournier.

2. Agenda Review

Nothing was added.

3. Quarterly Budget Discussion

GENERAL

Mrs. Fournier explained that the budget was close on office supplies (due to the expense of color laser toner) and postage. Everything else seemed on target. Mr. Billado asked about the underbudget amount in Equipment Repair and Purchase. Mrs. Fournier said she would check that out. Mr. Lavoie noted that Animal Control was somewhat overbudget, but Mrs. Fournier explained that the income from animal control income would help offset that overbudget. Mr. Billado estimated that, since Allan Laroche worked as ACO, the salary had increased by 50% and mileage was now paid. Since Mr. Clark was in favor of raising the animal control fees, Mr. Billado asked Mr. Jescavage to research the fees associated with dogs that other towns required.

Mr. Billado requested to know what the Cemetery Commission did with their money, just as a matter of policy. Mr. Lavoie suggested raising the legal fees budget item, since this year's legal fees were high. The board discussed ways to ensure that the budgets of the various town entities did not increase too much per year.

Mr. Clark brought up zoning printing, which was over budget, and Mrs. Fournier explained that the grant would cover the extra expense of having revised the town plan.

HIGHWAY

Mr. Clark asked Mrs. Fournier about the vehicle insurance, and she explained that a few vehicles had been added to the policy, including the new truck. Mr. Clark summed up that Culverts & Signs was high, but it would be made up. He passed out a document showing money that he and Mr. Garrett felt that they could save out of the budget. They felt they could squeeze close to \$50,000 out of the budget.

When all the paving was paid for this year, it would be over by about \$15,000 or \$18,000 for Bushey Street. Any extra money could go toward purchasing a dump truck body.

(Mr. Thompson entered here at 6:51 p.m.)

Mrs. Fournier stated that paving and road resurfacing would show way overbudget, and that would require an explanation.

4. **Executive Session** -- Not needed.

5. Adjournment

Mr. Lavoie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clark, to adjourn at 6:56 p.m. Motion carried.

Received and filed by:

Cathy Fournier, Swanton Town Clerk

Date