

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

Tuesday, October 4, 2016 @ 6:30 p.m.

Present: Joel Clark, Selectboard Chair; Dan Billado, John Lavoie, and Jeff Raleigh, Selectmen; Yaasha Wheeler, Secretary; David Jescavage, Town Administrator; Cathy Fournier, Town Clerk.

Mr. Clark opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Highway Budget

Mr. Clark said that they would be over on salaries because they made the decision to hire more full-time help on the road crew. Mr. Billado asked to know the average payout in salaries for the road crew in a month and Mrs. Fournier replied around \$16,000 a month. Mr. Billado summarized that, with \$63,000 left still in salaries for three months, they were doing well. Mr. Clark noted that the FICA and health insurance, however, was already at 100 percent.

Mr. Clark said, “We’re going to have some money to move around” and depending on how the paving goes on Tabor Road, there might be an opportunity to do some paving on Lakewood Drive.

The Mac’s body would come out of the capital reserve money. The board discussed sidewalk concrete along Robin Hood Drive and the blasting to commence in November. They discussed the payment of the bond for the town garage, which they needed more money to pay off, because the payment was \$65,000 per year but the article approved by the voters was only \$40,000 per year.

General Budget

Mrs. Fournier stated that two servers had died and needed to be replaced, but it had been offset by other line items. The new town emails and software had required extra money as well. She pointed out other items that were overbudget and how they had been offset by surpluses in other line items or by grants. There had been many zoning expenses because of legal fees, but other items in zoning had been underspent, so that also offset the expenses.

Highway Budget (revisited)

Mr. Clark and the board talked about possibly doing a little more paving by offsetting from another line item and budgeting to replace the Volvo in the future. The board was comfortable letting Mr. Clark make a decision about the best paving options.

Mr. Lavoie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Raleigh, to accept the Highway and General finance reports as presented. Motion carried. Mr. Billado made a motion, seconded by Mr. Raleigh, to adjourn at 6:57 p.m. Motion carried.

Received and filed by:

Cathy Fournier, Swanton Town Clerk

Date