

The Board of Selectmen held a meeting on Tuesday Jan. 18, 2011, at the Dalton Municipal Building, Dalton, NH.

PRESENT: Chairman Crosby, Selectman St.Cyr, Selectman Hardy

Motion: *by Selectman St.Cyr to accept the minutes as posted*

Second: *by Chairman Crosby*

Vote: 2-0-0

Maggie Michaud - Presented the library budget to the Board. The budget is less this year as we do not have to buy furniture. Our book donations and circulation are up.

Selectman St.Cyr - We appreciated the reduced budget.

Motion: *by Selectman St.Cyr to accept the library budget as presented*

Second: *by Chairman Crosby*

Vote: 2-0-0

Maggie Michaud -presented the Recreation Department budget. This is a new committee with 6 members. We have lots of ideas to work on. The proposed budget is \$1,000. Last year the budget was \$300 and it only paid the utility bill. This year we plan to have activities. We will be working with the Whitefield Recreation Department.

Selectman St.Cyr - We are pleased to have a recreation department.

Motion: *by Selectman St.Cyr to accept the recreation budget*

Second: *by Selectman Hardy*

Vote: 3-0-0

Bob Wentworth - Presented the highway department budget. Expenses within the budget are different but the budget total is the same as last year. We will have to buy wood this year for our heat. Repairs were high last year. CAT and John Deere are coming in with prices on a new grader. The plan is to use \$130,000 from capital reserve and borrow the rest which will be under \$100,000.

Selectman St.Cyr - We shouldn't sink anymore money into the old grader.

Chairman Crosby - The budget bottom line is the same and we appreciate that. We support you in the purchase of a new grader.

Selectman Hardy - Questioned when Bob Wentworth will have an inventory done.

Bob Wentworth - Is working on an inventory and explained they do not stock parts.

Motion: *by Selectman St.Cyr to accept the highway budget as presented*

Second: *by Selectman Hardy*

Vote: 3-0-0

Bruce Walsh - requested a janitorial cart for the municipal building at a cost of under \$100.

Motion: *by Selectman St.Cyr to purchase the cart*

Second: *by Selectman Hardy*

Vote: 3-0-0

Selectmen and the Administrative Assistant reviewed budget requests from outside organizations.

Motioned, seconded and voted to accept were: White Mt. Mental Health, North Country Council, Caleb, Community Action, Lunenburg Senior Meals, Whitefield Senior Meals, Ammonoosuc Community Health and the White Mt Regional Airport. A new request from CASA for \$500 for court appointed special advocates was also approved.

The request from Northern Gateway Chamber of Commerce was denied but the Board will look into the cost of a membership to the Chamber.

Selectmen discussed the Northern Pass project and the negative effects it will have on the town of Dalton.

Selectmen and the Administrative Assistant reviewed the budget and warrant articles in preparation for the budget hearing next Tuesday.

Chairman Crosby - Would like to have Attorney Waugh meet with the board, planning and any other department who would like to be there. We should look into types of enforcement to address State building code requirements.

Selectman Hardy - Questioned a budget for the Computer Cafe and making the web site more user friendly.

Cathy Fountain - The web page only takes minutes a day to keep up and she is happy to do it.

Selectman Hardy - Questioned having caller ID on the phones so Sandy doesn't have to say the whole speech every time she answers the phone.

Sandy York - The phone system has the capability of caller ID but we do not pay for it thru FairPoint.

Selectmen - motioned, seconded and voted to adjourn.