

Budget Advisory Committee

Town of Temple, NH

Meeting Minutes

22 January 2015

1. Attendance

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. Following BAC members were present: Mike Davidson, Brian Kullgren, Luke Peterson, Steve Andersen (Minute Taker); Others Present: Selectman George Willard (Ex Officio), Tim Fiske (Road Agent). The following BAC members were absent: Cody Charron.

2. Reviewed previous meeting minutes. Unanimously passed as written.

3. Discussion continued about loader warrant article. Tim Fiske opened discussion stating the town would need to finance loader due to no money put away for the expense. Kullgren asked if Fiske had made up his mind on loader purchase. Fiske stated that he had not made up his mind. Kullgren asked if it was in the best interest of the town to keep the old loader and start a capital reserve account to save for a loader/backhoe combination machine. Fiske stated that the best for the town would be a loader/backhoe but it will cost a lot more. Davidson recommended funding expendable trust to insure town against major repairs on old loader. Andersen suggested using current rental backhoe service and keeping old loader, but would need to fund expendable trust. Andersen provided a breakdown of ten years of payments for backhoe rental. Stated the town is getting a great deal the way it's been done. Davidson produced a copy of the latest equipment magazines. Suggested purchasing used equipment instead of new. Showed many pieces of equipment with low hours. Suggested putting funds aside into capital reserve accounts for equipment purchasing. Fiske stated that it would cost the town more by not following the CIP plan. Fiske stated that John Deere cost more but had a better warranty.

Andersen suggested to change asphalt/paving line to \$110,000 and to use expendable trust for asphalt/paving if road agent ran into problems. Road agent stated that he agreed with the suggestion. Andersen made a motion to change asphalt paving line to \$110,000; seconded by Kullgren; passed unanimously.

Luke Peterson made a motion to recommend \$25,000 be placed into expendable trust for equipment repair and maintain existing loader; revisit purchase next year. Seconded by Davidson; passed unanimously.

4. Discussion about the size of the CIP Plan expenses and the increases in budget for this year and is way too much at this time. BAC asked road agent why the bad section of

Hadley Highway was sealed (the dip section after Mansfield Road intersection). Fiske stated that he didn't believe road would hold up; didn't grind up section as was planned because there wasn't enough gravel money to complete the test section.

Fiske recommended purchasing a new mower this year.

Andersen made a motion to place \$10,000 into bridge expendable trust; seconded by Kullgren; passed unanimously.

5. Action Items:

Removed Fairpoint line from budget.

Andersen to get final budget numbers from D. Harling for voting on next meeting.

Peterson to contact building inspector.

Selectman Willard stated that the Wilton Recycling Center revenue numbers were potentially higher and that this will decrease this year's budget expense.

Minutes submitted by Steve Andersen

Minutes approved by BAC: 2/3/15