



TOWN OF RANDOLPH, VERMONT

Budget Committee

Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2018 11:00 AM
Town Hall, 7 Summer Street

Present: Committee Members: Frederick Hauser, Michael Penrod, CJ Stumpf
Municipal Staff: Michael DeCubellis

Absent: Selectboard Representative: Michael Hildenbrand

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- 1) Call to Order
Meeting was called to order at 11:05 AM.
 - 2) Approve Prior Meeting Minutes
Minutes from meeting of November 20, 2018 were approved without edit.
 - 3) Old Business
MD indicated that open questions will be answered at next meeting due to time spent preparing for budget discussions.
 - 4) Financial Reports
 - a) Fiscal Year 2019 November Actual vs. Budget.
 - i) Discussion tabled until next meeting due to priority given to finalizing the 2020 budget.
 - ii) MD to determine the reason for the \$2,160 posted to Miscellaneous under Executive Operating Expenses.
 - b) Fiscal Year 2020 Budget
 - i) MD provided copies of the FY 2020 Proposed Budget Draft D dated 12/18/2018
 - ii) MD explained the budget item for Stagecoach becoming \$0.
 - (1) Prior to 2017, Stagecoach had been granted a special appropriation of \$7,500.
 - (2) In 2017, Stagecoach had asked for an increase in funding from \$7,500 to \$15,000.
 - (3) Rather than make this an appropriation for the entire \$15,000, \$7,500 was put into the budget as a new line item and \$7,500 remained as an appropriation.
 - (4) This funding decision was approved by the Selectboard.
 - (5) The decision has now been made by the Selectboard to remove the budget line item and place all funds requested by Stagecoach under Special Appropriations.
 - iii) MP pointed out that, while the Budget Committee sees items in the budget for Capital Expenditures, we do not have information as to what projects those funds are for or where the money is going. MD said he would provide a spreadsheet with all related information.
 - iv) MP questioned the 13% increase in Ambulance Services. MD explained that the amount budgeted includes \$11,000 to make up for underpayment last year.

- v) MP questioned Trash Disposal rising by more than 2.5 times. MD explained that this is due to consolidation of several different departments being consolidated under Highway due to restructuring.
 - vi) MP questioned the large increase in budget for the Cemetery Reserve. MD explained that the town was taking over mowing of the cemetery (no longer bidding out) and needs to buy equipment. Furthermore, the former Cemetery Laborers are now Town Laborers and will have expanded duties.
 - vii) RH pointed out that there are budget items for police vehicle insurance and fuel but none for repair & maintenance. MD will follow up.
- 5) New Business
Board agreed that the next meeting will be January 15, 2019 11:00 AM at Town Hall.
- 6) Public Comment
No members of the public were present.
- 7) Adjournment
Meeting was adjourned at 12:13 PM