

SELECTBOARD MEETING
Approved Minutes

January 17, 2011

7pm Calais Elementary School

Attending: Denise Wheeler, John Brabant, Cy Lamberton, Mike Garand, Scott Bassage, Peter Harvey, Alfred Larrabee and Rose Pelchuck.

Actions:

Approval of the December 27th Meeting Minutes – postponed.

Approval of the January 10th Meeting Minutes – postponed.

Review and Approve 2011-'12 Town Highway Budget – Alfred Larrabee, Road Commissioner, met last week with Mike Garand and Cy Lamberton to devise the proposed Highway Budget and discuss equipment replacement needs. Alfred recommends replacing the 2004 truck since the town is already spending money on it for repairs. The 2004 truck has approximately 130,000 miles and the turbo charger was just replaced. Alfred would like to trade in the 1997 truck, currently used as a spare, for a new 10-wheeler and make the 2004 truck the new spare truck. Mike Garand noted a new 10-wheeler would cost \$175,000.00.

Other financial considerations this coming year are the \$90,000.00 bill for the new fire station bond payment and the school tax is increasing by \$0.17, Scott Bassage reported. Scott recommended if we can do without it this year then maybe we should wait until next year to ask for the new truck. After further discussion by the Selectboard, it was agreed to let the voters decide at Town Meeting.

Warning Articles:

- 1) To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to purchase a new 10-wheeler dump truck at a cost not to exceed \$174,175.00, after trade-in of the 1997 truck, to be paid over five years.
- 2) To see if the Town will appropriate a sum not to exceed \$39,700.00 (town share) to pave the section of the County Road from the East Montpelier town line for a distance of one mile, to match a grant from the Town Highway Class 2 Grant Program of \$158,800.00 for a total of \$198,500.00.
- 3) To see if the Town will appropriate a sum not to exceed \$13,037.00 (town share) to replace the culvert and culvert headers in North Calais, to match an AOT Structures Grant of \$117,331.00 for a total of \$130,368.00.

Review Selectboard Budget FY 2011-'12 – The Selectboard reviewed the proposed budget and came up with estimates for each line item. Scott Bassage will check with Eva about some questions on the amount of the EMFD Bond payment and FICA, Medicare and payroll taxes.

Other Business – The Selectboard agreed to buy a netbook computer for the Selectboard Secretary and have Sunlight Computer Services, Rolf Mueller, set it up for Rose.

At 9:10pm, the Selectboard agreed to continue this meeting until Thursday, January 20, 2011 at 7pm at the EMFD Emergency Services Facility for a meeting with the East Montpelier Selectboard and EMFD Board to hear the quarterly report.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Pelchuck
Selectboard Secretary