

SELECTBOARD MEETING
Approved Minutes

January 26, 2012

7:00pm Calais Elementary School

Attending: Denise Wheeler, Toby Talbot, Scott Bassage, Donna Fitch, Alfred Larrabee,
Absent: John Brabant and Mike Garand

Actions:

Denise Wheeler reconvened the continued Selectboard Meeting from January 19, 2012 at 7:00pm. The meeting was previously scheduled for January 23, 2012 but was postponed due to inclement weather.

Town Invoices and Road Commissioner's Orders of the Day - The Selectboard reviewed and processed the invoices and orders of the day as per usual protocol.

Highway Budget for FY 2013 – The Selectboard again reviewed the proposed Highway Budget for FY 2013 with Alfred Larrabee, Road Commissioner. Alfred would like to begin using liquid chloride on the roads for dust control and needs to have a tank mounted on a truck to spread it.

Safety Grant matching funds were discussed since the town is applying for a safety grant through VLCT. It is in the highway budget but can also be used for ergonomics safety equipment at the town office. Alfred has not had time to figure out the total cost per mile to resurface a road. Historically three miles are always put on the state highway financial form for AOT. Fuel costs were discussed. The proposed highway budget is \$25,683.00 over last year's budget, which is a 3.8% increase.

Warning Articles for Town Meeting – Donna Fitch again reviewed the Articles for the Town Warning. Article 9 relating to the matching funds needed for the North Calais Retaining Wall project will be removed since the town did not receive the AOT Structures Grant. Denise Wheeler will contact Rick DeWolfe about the info on the structures grant and Rose Pelchuck will search the Minutes to see when it was reported that the town did not receive this grant funding.

Article 10: chipper for highway department; one quote \$35,000.00 received so far Alfred reported.

Article 11, Article 12 and Article 13 were discussed and amounts for those articles were finalized.

Alfred Larrabee is requesting a new road grader for next year that is expected to cost about \$300,000.00.

Review Selectboard Budget FY 2012-'13 – The Selectboard Budget was reviewed line by line by the Selectboard and Town Clerk & Treasurer, Donna Fitch. Denise Wheeler reported last year the Central Vermont Humane Society took in 13 stray animals from Calais, including two bunnies. That compares to nine stray animals in 2010. Cemetery Commission is requesting \$28,000.00 that is 4% above last year. Blanks in the budget will be filled in by Donna Fitch and be brought back to the Selectboard for final review.

Scott Bassage will talk to Jack Russell about necessary funds for the Planning Commission and mapping

Toby Talbot made a motion to adjourn at 9:40pm. The motion was seconded, voted and carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Pelchuck
Selectboard Administrative Assistant