

**Hill Budget Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2016**

Present: Tom Seymour (Selectperson), Lisa Seymour (Chairperson), Joe Mahoney, Paula McDonough, Pat McDonough, Gerry Deroschers (Vice-Chairperson), Denise Robie, George Robie, Paul Meyerhoefer (Secretary)

Absent: Shelly Henry

Public: Dean Stevenson (Road Agent), Chris Valese, Mike Brady

Lisa opened meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Highway Dept. Budget Review

4312 Highways & Streets 2016 Budget \$ 329,754.00 2017 Budget \$ 343,352.00

Increases

Decreases

New Line (Clothing)	2,100.	Diesel	2,000.
Equip. Rental	2,000.	Propane	800.
Health Insurance	233.		
New Equipment	500.		
Payroll Taxes	600.		
Safety Equip.	100.		
Snow Plow Parts	1,500.		
Supplies	1,600.		
Telephone	610.		
Wages /Highway	6,855.		
Water	50.		

New line clothing other communities providing laundry, Dean would use monies to purchase T-shirts and Jeans rather than a laundry service which could possible cost up to \$ 7,500.

Renting roadside mower for 3 weeks this year used 2 weeks last year

Snow plow parts up from running wings on plow trucks

Supplies higher from adding bathroom supplies to this line for more accurate cost

Health insurance is best guess at this time

Wages reflect 3% increase (numbers may no show correct percentage increase)

Water bill could be increased

4316 Street Lighting 2016 Budget \$ 6,000.00 2017 Budget \$ 6,600.

4319 Rcon Of Hghwys 2016 Budget \$ 47,000.00 2017 Budget \$ 47,000.

Rebuilt section of Bunker Hill Rd. rebult 10 culverts , asphalt road shimming, a rough estimate on all work cost around \$ 70,000. using recon monies along with capitol reserve. Dean felt doing work inhouse saved the town about \$ 20,000.

4310 Highway & Streets 2016 Budget Total \$ 382,754.00 2017 Budget Total \$ 396,952.00

4915 Capitol Reserve 2016 Budget \$ 47,000.00 2017 Budget \$ 88,000.00

Increases

Gravel Crushing	\$ 20,000.
Highway Heavy Equipment	13,000.
Road Improvements	8,000.

Looking into replacing backhoe with lease agreement (10 yr. \$15,295/7 yr. \$20,933.) with 2 ½ % upfront

Dean felt wouldn't be much of trade-in, town should leave at transfer station to save on wear and tear on new piece of equipment current backhoe needs new front end with cost estimate of roughly \$10,000. to fix.

Gerry made motion to accept minutes as read, Pat 2nd motion, vote was unanimous

Discussion on lowering number of budget committee. Currently have 4 vacancies along with all town positions becoming harder to fill Lisa felt it may be a good time to reduce the Budget Committee positions. With hopes making a quorum easier to reach for meetings This would be a warrant article and voted at town meeting.

Gerry made motion to lower number to 9, Pat 2nd motion, vote was unanimous

Tom mentioned town is working on possible new health insurance carrier currently checking for equal coverage on Policy for employees.

Question on possibility of combining with school insurance, might not work due to policy time frames Tom will check on this.

Tom mentioned \$ 50,000.00 would be used to offset taxes rate would roughly go from 25.93 down to 25.30.

Chris Valse spoke on the possibility of conflict of interest with current town clerk/ tax collector being on the budget committee as School Board representative and stepping aside would eliminate this possibility. He also listed the technology problems with the new website for the town.

Discussion felt the concerns Chris spoke of would be better addressed with the selectmen.

Tom was given notes on the problems with the website by Chris in order to look further into fixing the website issues with the selectmen.

Lisa reminded everyone the next meeting date is Dec. 1, at 7:00 p.m.

Pat motion to adjourn, Joe 2nd motion, vote was unanimous

Respectfully Submitted
Paul Meyerhoefer