

Alstead Advisory Budget Committee

Minutes for the January 11, 2017 meeting

Members in attendance:

Chris Hansen
Mary Ann Wolf
Julianna Stevens
Sam Sutcliffe
Barbara Viegener
Marge Noonan

Also present:

Chris Rietmann

Minutes of previous meeting approved as revised.

Select Board meeting

Chris R. gave an over view of the SB meeting of 1/10/17. The final budget preparatory meeting will be 9:00 on 1/12/17. At this meeting there will be a laptop present to update the spreadsheet as the amounts are decided. They are still working on warrant articles that will be presented, also leasing vs capital reserve expenditure for DPW truck. If the truck is a lease the money will be a warrant article each year. There is an escape clause if the money is not approved. There will be \$1 placed on each line in the budget even if no longer viable. Once the lines are put into the budget, they cannot be removed. Paving has been increased to \$155,000. There is a warrant article to return capital reserve fund for the cemetery to the town as this was planned to purchase property that is no longer available.

Look into Capital Reserves vs leasing situation, which is best. The general public should be informed of the pros and cons of each.

The public budget meeting will be 1/17/17. The SB are required to give recommendations on the warrant articles.

Discussion concerning how to place pass through items on the budget. This would be expenditures that are paid for through the town. Should the item be given a line in the budget as the town does carry the expense until reimbursed from the trust. This is a good question for the auditors. An addition to the punch list would be how the Vilas Pool trust fund is managed by the town and Vilas Pool Committee.

Line items should be broken down to specific job titles instead of grouping all the salaries together. FICA and Medi can be on the same line.

Action item:

Communications: AABC will be preparing a mailing to go with the SB mailing also need to prepare a report for the town report. The one for the town report is due by 1/19/17.

Juliana prepared a list for Sam Sutcliffe and emailed it to him. There will be mention of the transfer station project in the AABC report and also in more detail in the transfer station report.

Next meeting will be after the public budget hearing.

Respectfully submitted, Marge Noonan