

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
OCTOBER 23, 2018

PRESENT: Selectmen, David Lage, Chairman and John Veaser; Town Administrator, Carlotta Pini, and; Budget Committee Members, Marc Fortier, Chairman, Jim Hicks, Alan Doyle and Pat Mittleider.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Office, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Lage announced upcoming events: The last day of soccer is Saturday from 9-1, and basketball starts soon.

The budget review began with Carlotta reviewing the Principal and Interest for the Landfill Closure Loan, which is according to a schedule.

At 6:15 p.m., Barbara presented the budget for the Supervisors of the Checklist. She explained that it costs \$225 per year for basic maintenance of the machine, plus coding which depends on the length of the ballot. She said her request should have been \$1500 for that line item. Barbara noted there is only one election in 2019, the Town election, and the bills for the Primary and General Election in 2018 were not reflected in YTD spent figures. After some discussion, the total budget was at \$5,552.

Carlotta reviewed the Insurance budget which includes property liability insurance, worker's compensation, and unemployment compensation coverage through PRIMEX. The rates, set by PRIMEX, stayed as proposed.

Carlotta reviewed the legal budgets for the Selectmen, Planning Board, and Zoning Board. The Selectmen and Budget Committee agreed to reduce the Planning Board line item in half, given the board's use of the New Hampshire Municipal Association whenever possible.

Kim Sheridan, the Town's Health Officer, presented the Health Budget which remains unchanged from last year. AT the Chairman's request, Kim took a moment to discuss her work as Health Officer.

The Board requested a schedule of upcoming budget presentations.

Marc Fortier, Chairman of the Budget Committee, noted that Alan Doyle had left the meeting before it got underway again. He pointed out that the prior meeting would have been Mr. Doyle's fourth absence if he hadn't done that. After some discussion, he offered to call the Municipal Association to inquire about whether Mr. Doyle should continue on as a member of the Budget Committee, given his actions.

The Budget Committee left the meeting.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Rizzo from Timbertop Road. Mr. Rizzo said that more sand had been dumped at the end of his driveway. John Veaser explained that the Highway Department was doing shoulders.

Shawn Bator of 344 Timbertop Road expressed dissatisfaction with the work R & D Paving had done on the prior Saturday. He showed the Selectmen a video he had taken. He claimed the pavement was cracking immediately after they did the work, due to mud and water. Selectman Veaser said that he had been going out and looking at various areas where complaints had been noted.

There was a lengthy discussion about the paving project on Timbertop. Chairman Lage explained how money had to be appropriated before the scope of work could be developed and the project put out to bid. What was done this year is the result of that process. The Selectmen will conduct a similar process this coming year.

Bethanne Tatro of Timbertop Road said she had shared her concerns with the Administrator. That day, additional sand had been put over the 23 ½ tons of hard pack she had purchased. Now she has a hump. She showed photos to the Selectmen.


There was considerable discussion amongst the Timbertop residents and the Selectmen. The Board agreed to hold the paving company accountable for the work contracted.

Ken Lehtonen addressed the Board regarding the prior week's decision to use a historic name on the common driveway Ken had proposed calling Hillside Drive. He explained that he needed the name approved in order to obtain a certificate of occupancy. The Board agreed to his proposed name, noting that the system for naming roads would be changed going forward.

At 8:35 p.m. Selectman Veaser made a motion to adjourn. Selectman Hopkins seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carlotta Pini

Board of Selectmen October 23, 2018 minutes approved by:

  
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David S. Lage, Chairman

Jay Hopkins

  
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John E. Veaser