

Special Budget Meeting Minutes

Poultney Board of Selectmen

Monday, January 6, 2020 – 4:00 PM

Poultney Town Hall

Jeff King called the meeting to order. Selectmen present included: Jeff King, Terry Williams, George Miller, Carol Bunce, and Kim Rupe. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Town Manager, and Katrina Davenport from the Poultney Rescue Squad.

Adoption of the Agenda: Carol Bunce made a motion to adopt the agenda. Gorge Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Budget Discussions:

Katrina Davenport presented the board with a proposal to increase funding for the Poultney Rescue Squad from \$18,165 TO \$34,320.00. Ms. Davenport stated that they have very few volunteers, and have to rely on paid staff more and more. They have no insurance, very little benefits, no retirement. Discussion followed.

Discussion regarding the budget for the Stonebridge. Donaldson stated that prior to the Poultney Mettawee Natural Resource Conservation District vacating, the building was sustaining itself. Now that Leap Frog Nursery School is the only paying tenant, we are operating at a slight deficit. We need to increase the rent for the building. Donaldson to reach out to Leap Frog regarding this.

Discussion on installing a part-time manager at the transfer station. With the increases in the budget on other items, it will be difficult to increase the budget to bring on such a position.

Donaldson to review where in the budget we can make additional adjustments to bring the General Government proposed increases to approximately 5 – 5.5 %.

The Highway Budget proposal will be 5.59% increase.

Executive Session: None.

Adjournment: George Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Terry Williams seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

s/Paul A. Donaldson