

January 19, 2010

Meeting started at 7:00 P.M.
Bruce Frazer & Bob Wormer Present

The Selectmen went over the budget with the Budget Committee. The following people were there. Steve Dana, Terry Gorham, Elizabeth Ward, Brad Baily, Gail Miller, Donna Mitton, Mike Monahan, Joyce Cate, Len Bonosevech, Lothar Riba, PJ Blanchard, Rocky Bunnell and Bryan Turnbull.

Bettie Ward questioned what the line for Trustees Assistant was for, it was explained that they use to pay someone to help the Trustees but that is not happening anymore. Steve Dana asked who the town used for long distance and was told Pioneer Telephone. He asked if the town had looked into Time Warner for their phones. Cindy said she had checked and at that time the town was unable to get it as they didn't do business phones.

Lothar Riba asked what Tax Collector Fees were , Bob explained that when liens are put on properties the Tax Collector does receive fees for that.

Brad Bailey asked about the Clerical position, he was told that was for Joyce Cate as she is still working in the office some.

Lothar Riba asked if we had money left over in Tax Collector Fees could it be used to research zoning laws, mainly multiple families living in a single family home. He was told the definition of a single family home.

Bob Wormer discussed the Master Plan. This is a plan that the state requires us to update every five years . The Planning Board is working on this with North Country Council and is looking for other people in town to work on it. Anyone who is interested in helping can go to the Planning Board Meeting on February 4th at 7:00P.M. at the Town Hall.

Bettie Ward asked about borrowing tables from the Town Hall, she was told that people who live in town can borrow them, they need to fill out a contract and have it approved by the Selectmen.

Rocky Bunnell asked about the stone repairs , Bruce explained that many of the stones in the old section of North Monroe Cemetery are in need of repair and John Hanks from Littleton Monument Company is working on them.

Donna Mitton asked why the dues went up for North Country Council, and was told it was figured by the number of residents.

Bettie Ward questioned why we needed to have Police in town.

Brad Bailey asked why we pay Woodsville Ambulance an annual fee. It was explained that we have to do this to be sure to have ambulance service in town. Bettie Ward questioned why the Fire Ponds were not kept plowed out, the town use to do this and both Bettie and Lothar feel that they should continue. Bob explained that the town plowed them when they plowed driveways and if the Fire Department wants them done now it will have to be in their budget.

It was questioned if we vote to have recycling what will that do the the solid waste collection and disposal. Bob said we will still pay the same amount for collection and we have no idea what it will do to the disposal, we will probably have a better idea next year.

The Selectmen signed the manifests and reviewed the water reports. Cindy Guibourd had emailed the Selectmen to ask if it was necessary to put so much sand on Winchester Drive. The Selectmen said that this is left to the discretion of the road agent.

A statement made by Steve Dana tonight that I thought was very good was ""Prices are not going up your money is worth less"

Meeting Adjourned at 10:00P.M.
Respectfully Submitted
Cindy Frazer, Admin. Assistant