

PUBLIC HEARING

2013 BUDGET

OCTOBER 29, 2012

At the Public Hearing held on Monday, October 29, 2012 at the Hopkinton Town Hall at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Rust, Councilpersons Wood, Sochia, Jock.

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk French, Richard Eakins, Francis Barney, Ernest Wood arrived 6:55 p.m.

ABSENT: Councilperson Potter.

Supervisor Rust called the Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget to order at 6:34.

Budget Officer, Vickie French, went over items compiled in the 2013 Budget.

Richard Eakins questioned the Board on the contract with North Country Life Flight now that there is a helicopter located in Potsdam.

Supervisor Rust commented he contacted North Country Life Flight and they are all volunteer, therefore if their service is used there will be no fee passed on to the patient they would take whatever the insurance company pays. The Potsdam helicopter is not volunteer and the fee is charged to the insurance company and the balance is passed on to the patient.

The Board felt that the \$500.00 we pay to North Country Life Flight was well worth it.

Mr. Eakins also stated that he heard the Highway Superintendent may be retiring in June so why is the salary in the budget not reflecting that.

Mr. Rust explained that the Highway Superintendent may or may not retire in June and if he does the Board may appoint someone to fill that position and the money will be needed to pay the salary.

Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jock that all persons desiring to be heard for or against have been heard and therefore the hearing on the Preliminary Budget should be terminated. Adopted unanimously.

Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vickie French

RMC