

SPECIAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 10, 2012

At the Special Meeting held on Monday, September 10, 2012 at the Hopkinton Town Office at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Supv. Rust, Councilpersons Wood, Jock, Supt. of Highways Streeter, Clerk French.

ABSENT: Councilperson Sochia, Potter.

Supv. Rust called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Supv. Rust explained the Special Meeting was to discuss the 2013 Budget and turned the meeting over to the Budget Officer, Vickie French.

Mrs. French went through the Budget as it was compiled. All personal services were increased by 3% the same as the Highway Employees.

The major increases in the budget are due to fixed costs. Health Insurance, Retirement and wages.

The Board also talked about the contribution the Highway Supt currently makes towards his health insurance. He is currently being held at the 2010 rate and that would make his contribution in 2013 \$80.30 per week. The Board discussed that it would be fairer if it was a percentage of the current rate.

Mr. Jock made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wood to set the contribution rate for Health Insurance for the Highway Superintendant at 20%.

VOTE: Supv. Rust Aye, Councilperson Wood Aye, Jock Aye.

Absent: Potter, Sochia.

The Town Justice has requested a Court Clerk at an approximate cost of \$3120.00 plus fringe benefits.

The Board discussed this and asked the Supervisor to contact him to come to the next Board meeting to justify this cost when it seems court costs are increasing and revenues are decreasing. They also discussed looking into merging court with another town.

Other items the Board discussed trying to fit into the 2013 budget were:

Painting the eaves of the Town Hall and the interior.

Continuing work at the Ft. Jackson Park.

The St. Regis Falls Adult Center has asked for an increase in 2013 and the Quad Town Seniors asked for no increase.

The Board asked Mr. Rust to contact Mr. Demo from Quad Town Seniors to have them justify the expense since they are not holding their monthly dances at the Town Hall anymore and to also find out how many residents from Hopkinton are being served. They also requested that he contact the St. Regis Falls Adult Center for a report from them on what services they are providing.

Mr. Streeter went through the Highway Budget. Most of the increases were salary and benefits.

He also suggested to the Board that they need to look at replacing the 1986 Chevy Pick-up.

They also, might want to consider trading in the 2011 Ford pick-up.

Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jock to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Vickie L French

RMC