

Minutes

Capital Budget Committee Meeting

Grafton Town Hall
Tuesday, October 10, 2017

Committee Members Present: Don Dougall, Tom Cannon, Joe Valente, Kim Record, Mike Faulkner, Cynthia Gibbs

Community Members Present: None

Call to order: 4:04pm

Adjournment: 4:41pm

Set and allocate the Capital Budget for fiscal year 2018-2019:

Don Dougall gave committee members a work sheet with the previous year and projected budget amounts. Don said he would like to level fund the budget. Don added that the Fire Dept will be asking for more money and he expects the school budget to go up as well. Don said he would like the budget to go up from \$149,000.00 to \$150,000.00. Proposals were as follows:

- Hwy Roadway: Anytime we get a grant we have to match it. Don proposed an additional \$20,000.00 in that account.
- Hwy Structures: Don said he doesn't want to fund it this year as there is money already there adding that grant matches for structures are 10%. There was discussion about the Walker Bridge Project the State is looking into. There is currently \$66,000.00 in the Hwy Structures account now. Kim Record said the committee should go to the Select Board and use unreserved funds adding that this would have to be voted on by the Town. Don suggested that another \$4,000.00 be put in the budget for guardrails and continue to fund at the same level.
- Hwy Equipment: Don suggested we fund \$100,000.00 as we did in other years to build this line item. There will be equipment that will need to be replaced in several years.
- Fire Truck: It was discussed that \$15,000.00 be allocated which has been done in past years.
- Town Hall Structure: Don recommends we do not fund Town Hall Structure this year. Don said he feels that the repair phases the Select Board has come up will be very costly and will probably need to be financed. Don feels the Select Board should write a comprehensive plan about the renovations they propose for the Grafton News, so people in Grafton will have a better understanding of the project. Don added that the Select Board has applied for a Grant and if they get it, the Town would have to provide matching funds.
- Computers: Kim said that nothing needs to go into this as there will be \$7,000.00 at the end of this year. Don suggested that \$2,000.00 be put in this year for computers.
- Bridge Painting: Mike Faulkner said that Highway Foreman, Danny Taylor, thinks we should be putting \$5,000.00 into this each year. Cynthia asked if there was a schedule for bridge painting. Mike said he doesn't think there is a schedule, adding that it can be \$30,000.00 to \$40,000.00 per bridge. Kim suggested that \$7,000.00 be put in for bridge painting and \$3,000.00 for computers because that would put the budget at \$149,000.00 which would make it level funded.