

Minutes of Selectmen's Work Session

10 January 2008

Members present: R. Stephen Leighton, Chairman, JoAnn Brown and Lynn Sweet.

Work session began at 8:00 A.M.

Last year's expenditures were discussed, including the April storm damages and the December snow, along with increases in the State rates. It was noted that the Town did receive \$103,085. from FEMA which helped to offset the costs. Proposed budget was reviewed. Based on the information available, the proposed budget is \$297,000., an increase of \$12,500. over 2007. The article for Capital Improvements to roads is in the amount of \$231,000. One thought for the future, was to include an article for an addition (16' X 18') to the salt storage shed to make a separate area for salt, or to create a capital reserve fund for same purpose. The concern is over the availability of salt. This would also allow purchase in the Summer when less expensive. Information will be needed on the estimated cost of an addition. An article will be included requesting an additional \$7,000. to be added to the existing CRF for future bridge replacement/repairs.

There was discussion regarding appointment slips and the need to review and update the same.

Correspondence was read.

The report from the Energy Committee to be included in the Town Report was read.

Some possible revisions to the building permit process were discussed.

Work session ended at 9:07 A.M.