

Buckland Finance Committee Minutes - January 16, 2016

Meeting called to order at Buckland Town Hall, 7:03 p.m.

Committee members present: Karen Blom, Bill Knittle, Ben Murray, Cynthia Caporaso. Paula Consolo arrived 7:45 pm.

Discussed the proposed borrowing by BOS for the Highway garage and thought it was too high - don't think we should be borrowing that much this year.

Discussed town hall budget for payroll service - will it be \$3000 per year, why is it not done in house as in the past by the treasurer?

Discussed the town clerk request for longevity. Since the position is elected and not appointed, we feel it doesn't qualify. We need to know if the salary is for the position or the person - if someone else is elected, does the salary stay the same even if they have less experience? Is it a 4/5 position?

Paula arrives at 7:45 and takes over writing minutes.

Discussed Buckland budget for FY 2018. Questions below:

1. Find out if town clerk salary could be changed after the current town clerk leaves office.
2. Computers: Ben will ask Andrea to clarify the \$4,100 increase for computers (operating)
3. Do we need bids for technology?
4. Error found on line 46; add \$10,000 (should be \$29,000). Line 48 goes up \$1,000 to \$2,600
5. Why is the Insurance and Bonds line item up by \$7000.
6. Find out the number of students going to Smith Vocational School.
7. Line 74 (Community Block grants) Why is this going up?
8. Need FRCOG and senior center budgets
9. Change Veteran's Benefits to match the amount in the binder: \$40,038.36
10. Look at notes from last year about library programs. Need library usage numbers and programming descriptions
11. Need explanation of expenses from the Rec Committee
12. Lower OPEB to \$1,000
13. Take out \$6,000 for codify project
14. Line 106: add \$54,000 for general stabilization
15. Line 117 (highway paving): drop to \$50,000
16. Ask Steve if capital on trucks can be stretched now that trucks are under cover
17. Line 133 (wastewater consultants): Why is this going up?

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m, Respectfully submitted by Karen Blom & Paula Consolo