

Athens Budget Committee Meeting 10/12/21-- Minutes

At the town office

Attending: Janet, Amber, Carol, Mike, Hannah, David Bemis, Denise, Darlene

Agenda:

1. Amendments to the agenda
2. Approve previous meeting minutes
3. Meet with Selectboard on 2022 budget
4. Public comments
5. Any further work or discussion
6. Adjourn

Selectboard Projects for 2022

Bridge on Ober Hill

-- hoping for a grant. we will need 10%

Culvert by Steve Oakes' house -- also looking for a grant -- maybe a flood mitigation grant

-- we have 28,736 reserved for culverts in the LTHP fund

- Matt will look into prices and we'll decide how much to budget to add to the fund for these projects

Underdrains

-- Increase to \$2,000

Salt

-- up to 91.30 / ton

Replacing the Large Truck

-- Need to line up a used truck 18 - 24 mo ahead

-- Can get extended warranty for used trucks.. Costs 30k for 5 years, getting close to the cost of a new truck

-- Janet will contact Craig Allen @ ATG and maybe Clarks to get prices on trucks so the selectboard can make a decision

Backhoe

-- \$10,662 payment for new lease

-- We have \$40,000 in the backhoe replacement fund already

-- Keep the 10,000 contribution to the equip fund for the backhoe

Plow on small truck needs replacing

- ~\$15,000 -- Matt will get exact prices -- also for large truck
- Make a new reservation line item in the equipment fund for Plows and Accessories and put the full amount in next year and then smaller amounts in future years

Add a crushed stone line item

- Hannah will see how much we spent on crushed stone last year

Sand

15.45 / yard this year

\$18,000 for next year?

Consider raising all the materials 10% and Salt to \$35,000

Keeping contracted services the same

Small culverts

- Some should be reimbursed by FEMA so we can use that to buy more culverts
- Check with Matt on how many culverts he'll need

Town office mailbox? Put it at the town garage so Matt can pick up the mail?

- Locking mailbox?
- Add \$100 - \$200 to the garage maintenance budget?

CCAC

- Elem. School Building maintenance to \$5,000
- More than that they need a plan(s) for what they want to do and town to vote on it

Budget committee will meet again Oct 26th

Meet with select board again Dec 14th

Adjourned 9:05