

## Athens Budget Committee Meeting 10/22/2024 -- Minutes

7:00 pm at the Town Office

Attending: Hannah, Amber, Janet, Carol, Mike

Standing agenda:

1. Amendments to the agenda
2. Approve previous meeting minutes - approved
3. Public comments - none
4. Review everyone's research and independent work
5. Working session
6. Assign new independent work
7. Adjourn

Called to order at 7:00

The committee reviews the list from the selectboard

Fixing the chipper: Janet will get a cost

Grant matching for Ober Hill bridge and Brookline Rd. culvert:

- Add \$40k to grant matching fund – 20k can combine w/ 33k earmarked for culverts in long-term highway fund for the Brookline Rd. culvert project. ~\$40k remains in Grant Matching fund for Ober hill project in 2026

Equipment schedule – Mike will work on it

Replacing small truck – Janet and Matt will research options for lease

- Amber says the lease in Grafton on a 197k (big) truck is 43k a year for 5 years
- Mike suggests it could be a loan from the bank, or Ford dealer, or State equipment loan program
- Need to make sure the plow will fit the new truck

Big truck might need new back body. Matt bought back pistons recently.

Dividing up rest of budget:

Hannah - salaries, office, general, electric & telephone, insurance, Comm Center building maintenance

Amber - fire & rescue, fire mutual aid

Heating oil will stay about the same as 2024 – Janet will get exact numbers

Salt and sand stays the same

Gravel and stone – Janet will talk to Matt about budget numbers including extra for stockpiling.

Town Office roof – \$15k into town office building maintenance + take ~\$15k from building renovation fund. The building also needs exterior painting...

Janet & Matt – Highway garage, Road Maintenance, Equipment, Long-Term Highway Projects allocation.

Hannah to move 2024 Grader cutting blade expense to Special Tools where it was budgeted.

Next Meeting November 12th. Bring any questions to the selectboard meeting on the 21st.

Adjourned at 8:05