

Athens Budget Committee Meeting 10/26/21-- Minutes

At the town office

Attending: Janet, Amber, Carol, Mike, Hannah

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

Janet is going to contact Craig Allen this week and put the town on the list for a used large truck. Mike added up the total investment in the current freightliner and it is over \$118k.

Working on budget worksheets...

- Went through salaries, benefits, office expenses, general expenses, public safety, school building, garage, highway equipment, road maintenance,

\$7,000 estimate for new plow from Matt from Fairfield

Hannah can double check on statutory compensation for meetings

Janet will reply to email from Decamp trucking

- Things seem to be going well...
- Confirm that next year's contract will remain the same price
- Ask for tonnage breakdowns

Assuming 2-3 elections next year

- Unsure about mailing ballots, but shouldn't be more expensive than 2020?
- Waiting for town to vote on whether to have Australian ballot for articles and officers

Green Mountain Power electric rates going up 4.6% next year

Health insurance cost has gone down for the highway workers

Janet: Highway guys don't want to collect town mail at the garage

- Adding \$600 to office equipment purchase for large locking box for the office

Carol: Suggests purchasing something for audio backup of selectboard minutes

- Thumb drive to put audio files on?
- Have to see if the current voice recorder can download files

- Adding \$50 to office equipment purchase for something here. Should run it by the selectboard.

What does the town want to do with the broken chipper? Needs a new motor? Question for selectboard..

Need to get Matt in with quotes for contracted services.

- Crack sealing?
- Long term highway projects fund? Guardrails and bridges/large culverts
- Ledge removal?
- Quotes for project by Steve Oakes

For next time:

- Mike will work on equipment fund allocation
- Janet will ask Matt to come on the 23rd
- Hannah can look at revenues

Next meeting Nov 23rd

Meet with select board on Dec 14th

Adjourned at 9:25