

By video conference

Attending: Hannah, Janet, Amber, Denise, Darlene, David Bemis, Jimmy Trimble

Agenda:

1. Amendments to the agenda
2. Approve previous meeting minutes
3. Meet with selectboard on 2021 budget
4. Public comments
5. Any further work or discussion
6. Adjourn

Items to cover with Darlene and the selectboard:

- Office equipment purchase
  - Put in \$1000 again
  - Selectboard will keep an eye out for a used safe
- Legal services
  - Legal issues may not be resolved
  - \$5000
- Welder for garage (~\$3000)
  - More like \$3500
  - Will need another cylinder rental as well
  - Plus accessories and safety gear...
  - Matt will bring in a quote for all of it and present it at the next sb meeting
  - Would go in the General Supplies line item under garage
- Training budget for highway crew
  - Still need exact numbers from Matt
  - Put it under town garage
- Plans for the Freightliner
  - Need to get all the figures for repairs vs. buying new
- Update on culvert cleaning bid for contracted services line item
  - Waiting for Ivor and Matt to connect for a bid
- Any other projects / plans that will need funding?
  - No, and want to keep things simple b/c of covid
- Trash and recycling -- Go to every other week for trash pickup?
  - Can make an article for it and ask -- budget committee to write article?
  - Make sure it could all fit in one truck — budget committee can ask

Additional questions

- Postage — mailings for Australian ballot for school, and maybe town meeting — up it to \$1000

- Animal quarantine — do we need to add extra for kenneling an animal? Up it to \$500
- Elementary School Building Maintenance — \$2000
- Highway wages? — they might vote on raises at a selectboard meeting
- Cement tank for diesel containment — custom tank is \$1500, \$750 for a stock septic tank. Plus building a roof...
  - Will ask Matt if it's feasible to remove the skid plate to fit it the smaller tank
- Article for the bathroom construction funds.
  - selectboard will deal with that
  - Probably not a bathroom — would need new estimates
- Appalachia Salt company quotes: came down to 70.25/ton which is what we pay now
  - Selectboard ok with getting a load or two to try it out
- Remove account lines for Athens Food Shelf, and Fact TV
- Meetinghouse — \$2500?
  - Wait for Sherry to request it at the next sb meeting
- Hiring Gary Fox who does grant work for BF to help look for and apply for grants for Athens. \$35/hr contractor.
  - David will try to get him to come to the next sb meeting and they can decide if they want to go ahead with hiring him
  - Would add to the Other Professional Services line item

Budget committee meets again Dec. 8th

Meet with sb again during the December 17th selectboard meeting.

Adjourned at 8:10