

Selectboard
And
Budget Commity Meeting
7:00pm
Virtual

Present were Jim Trimble, Hannah Regier, Amber Stevens, Janet Perry, Darlene Wyman, David Bemis and Denise Randall.

The board and committee reviewed the 2021 projected budget.

Postage: It was decided to budget \$1,000.00 to include the possibility of Australian ballot for the school vote and Town Meeting.

Propane: It was decided to leave it as it was.

Office Equipment: Discussion on a new safe. We will let VLCT and surplus property know we are looking for a safe. \$1,000,00 was budgeted.

Legal Services: \$5,000.00 was budgeted.

Animal quarantine: Raised to \$500.00 in case an animal needed quarantine.

Trash: It was discussed whether trash removal should change to every other week for trash pickup and whether one truck could be used. A special article may be put in the town report for a town vote. The budget committee will look into this.

School Building Maintenance: Raised to \$2,000.00.

Highway Garage Maintenance: Discussion on the costs for a base for the diesel fuel tank was held. It will be further discussed at the next selectboard meeting.

The budget committee will work on the costs of a new or used dump truck.

There may be a special article in the town report as to how the monies set aside for a bathroom at the town garage may be used.

A discussion was held about getting salt from Apalachee Salt. It was decided to try two loads to see if it has better use than the salt purchased from Cargill.

The highway crew training budget was discussed. Matt will be asked for some figures and will be added to the town garage budget.

Monies for a welder and safety gear for the garage was discussed. Matt will be asked for figures and it will be discussed at the next selectboard meeting.

Matt is looking into grant money for ledge removal.

Hannah was asked if she could delete the Athens Food Shelf and Fact TV from the voted appropriations.

David stated he had talked with Harry Fox who helps Rockingham with grants. The possibility of hiring him to help Athens was discussed. He will be asked to attend the next selectboard meeting to discuss this.

Jim asked how many more payments were due on the backhoe. Hannah will look into this.

There were no more items to discuss.

The budget will be placed on the agenda for the December 17