

FINANCE COMMITTEE ON ROADS

MINUTES

DECEMBER 16, 2014

7:30 am @ TOWN GARAGE

ATTENDANCE - Scott Mayfield, Matt Spinale, Bob Defusco, Jack Walsh

Superintendent of Streets - Craig Hughes

Warrent Committee Liaison - Geoff. Merrill

MINUTES - The minutes of the October 21, 2014 meeting were approved as written.

GENERAL BUSINESS - The majority of the meeting consisted of a discussion of the numerous components of the Department's 2016 Operating Budget which will be submitted to the Selectmen. Pay increases are within the guidelines for both union and non-union employees. Small increase in the uniform allowance for the Garage Mechanic.

Snow and Ice budget increases based on historical data. Street lights budget increase per the guidelines. Town Garage budget increase primarily due to scheduled interior painting, There was a discussion as to why the high speed internet increase was charged to the Highway Department. Travia budget was level funded and has about \$500k Chapter 90 monies available.

Solid Waste budget - salary and electricity increases per the guidelines. Negotiations underway with vendor, Wheelabrator, which could result in a \$20k savings. The DEP has required a 3rd party monitoring increase at the Transfer Station. Water testing increase of \$10k [contract with Tata and Howard]. Care of Trees budget increase \$10k based on 5yr plan.

The grand total of all the piece parts of the Superintendent's Operating budget is \$1,952,720 for 2016.

A motion was made by Matt and seconded by Jack that the 2016 Budget be forwarded to the

Selectmen. It was approved.

NEXT MEETING - January 20 ,2015 @ Town Garage

Meeting adjourned at 8:30am

Respectfully submitted, Jack Walsh