

Town of Swanzey, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting – October 15, 2016
Swanzey Town Hall, 620 Old Homestead Highway, Swanzey, NH

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair W. William Hutwelker III at 9:00 a.m. at the Swanzey Town Hall. Present were W. William Hutwelker III, Kenneth P. Colby, Jr., and Sylvester Karasinski. Also present was Town Administrator Michael Branley.

OTHERS PRESENT

Interim Solid Waste Manager Josh Whipple, Fire Chief Norm Skantze, Police Chief Tom DeAngelis, DPW Director Lee Dunham, Kathi Snow-Ledell, Kai Dafeldecker, and Steve Bittel

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

The Board hosted coffee and conversation with citizens and the following matters were discussed:

Zip code and Street name Changes - The Board discussed with Ms. Snow the zip code change in North Swanzey and street names changes.

Swanzey Lake - The Board discussed with Kai Dafeldecker Swanzey Lake matters. Dredging channel into the boat launch was discussed. Use of Richardson Park by Swanzey Residents was discussed.

BUDGET MEETINGS

Recycling Center Budget – The Board reviewed the Recycling Center budget with Interim Solid Waste Manager Whipple. Line items discussed were full-time salaries, refuse disposal, tires, household hazardous waste, electronics, freight/transportation and maintenance/repairs. There was a discussion about the need to replace the bobcat at some point in the near future; Whipple will work on cost estimates.

Fire Department Budget – The Board and Chief Skantze reviewed the fire department budget, including part-time payroll, benefits, medical examinations, tools, equipment, and others. Bittel asked about line items in the budget vs. similar expendable trusts. Karasinski stated the expendable trust funds were set up to allow less money to be in the budget and to discourage spending money in the budget at the end of the year rather than losing it. The Dispatch budget is currently an estimate, with details coming when they finalize their budget.

Police Department Budget – The Board and Chief De Angelis discussed the Police Department budget including cruiser, retirement, part-time personnel, over time, PTO buy out, animal control and county prosecution services. Branley stated the three cruiser three lease was paid off in 2016 so instead of doing another three cruiser purchase he and De Angelis are proposing purchasing one cruiser per year in the operating budget beginning in 2017. The County Prosecutor budget is an estimate at this point, with details coming soon.

DPW Budget – The Board and Dunham discussed the DPW budget including outside labor/rental, radio repairs, vehicle repairs, culverts, cemeteries, Parks and street lighting. Potential outsourcing of some mowing to private contractors was discussed. Branley and Dunham will discuss further and report back.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Colby. The motion was seconded by Karasinski without further discussion. All were in favor. ***Motion passed.*** Adjournment occurred at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Michael Branley

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