

TOWN OF EATON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03832
EVANS MEMORIAL BUILDING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET
February 8, 2018

The Public Hearing on the budget took place on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at the Evans Memorial Building. Present were Rick Young, Ed Reilly and David Sorensen. The Public Hearing was called to order at 7 pm.

Copies of the budget, proposed Warrant, 2017 detailed payments and revenues were distributed.

Rick Young reviewed last year's expenditures and this year's proposed budget. Rick Young explained the increase in Personnel Administration and noted that health insurance costs have been budgeted to cover all possible scenarios. Rick Young indicated that the Highway Department budget has been increased to cover wages and explained the road damages which will have to be addressed this year. Paul Hennigan questioned the cost to repair the truck tire/rim and the sander. Rick Young noted that the tire and rim cost approximately \$600.

David Sorensen reviewed the revenues for last year and proposed revenues for this year. Rick Young explained the Highway Block funds received under SB38 and indicated that the funds were split between gravel and the Potter Road bridge.

Ed Reilly reviewed the Warrant Articles. Ed Reilly explained that the Selectmen abstained on the vote for the Recreation Program only because of the method of funding. Ed Reilly stated that the Selectmen abstained on the vote for the Sheriff's Department due to the cost and Rick Young noted that the amount could be amended at Town Meeting. Paul Hennigan questioned the purchase of signs and Rick Young noted that the batteries have to be changed daily. John Hartman noted that the police presence has slowed the traffic and Jane Gray noted that the reduced speed limit has had a positive effect.

Jane Gray explained the need for a proper location to store historical documents and feels the Article will make everyone aware of that need.

The Board reviewed the new ordinance governing Private Alarm Systems as there have been numerous false alarms this past year.

There being no further questions, the Public Hearing was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

The Board reviewed a request for abatement of interest and penalties. ***David Sorensen made a motion, seconded by Ed Reilly, to approve an abatement of \$1,303.16 in interest only. Motion unanimously carried.***

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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