

Acceptance and Expenditure of four police grants: There are four grants (DWI enforcement, STEP (speed) Traffic Enforcement, Lazar hand-held radar and E-Ticket Equipment ***Will the Board vote to accept and expend four Public Safety Grants totaling \$21,394.99 with the town share of \$4,888 and authorize John and Bob to sign the documents?***

Award of Line Striping Proposals:

Budget Presentation:

Nonpublic Session on Land at 7:30:

Action Items:

Property Tax Exemptions and Credits: Many years ago we believe the Board authorized staff to accept and grant applications for exemptions and credits based upon an analysis of whether or not the person was qualified. In a recent DRA review, DRA staff requested the Board reaffirm that position. The alternative would be the Board evaluating them all (many in nonpublic because of confidential financial information). ***Will the Board grant staff the ability to accept and grant exemptions and credits?***

Winter Holiday Party: The Winter Holiday Party for the Selectmen and employees is around \$2,500. ***Shall we schedule it?***

Environmental Study: ***Does the Board wish to expend \$3,600 to do an environmental Phase 1 on the property being acquired on Pierce Road?***

Request for Speed tables/bumps on Tolend Road: Here is what our engineer reports to summarize guidelines for them:

Here are excerpts from the guidelines for speed tables/humps from the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE):

1. Speed humps should only be installed on local two-lane residential streets with less than 3,000 vehicles/day with a posted speed of 30 MPH or less.
2. Speed humps should not be installed on bus routes or streets with significant amounts of emergency vehicles or truck traffic. Local emergency response officials should be consulted prior to any installation.
3. Speed humps can cause undesired traffic diversion to other residential streets.
4. Speed humps will increase noise levels due to vehicle rocking and deceleration/acceleration.

It is clear Tolend Road does not meet the test for (1) traffic count, (2) bus routes & truck traffic. It is clear it will increase the noise complaints (4) which we have been receiving on the road from the person suggesting speed tables. This also does not address the problems they create for snow plowing in the winter. Therefore they are not recommended. ***What does the Board wish to do?***

Information

Veteran's Credits to reduce taxes: There are two different issues on veterans. The additional \$50 to bring it from \$450 to \$500 is relatively minor & easy to calculate on tax impact (around \$23,000). It applies to all veterans who served in a qualifying war/conflict. The second issue is a recent change in

the law that passed this year that would greatly expand who qualified for the exemption to adding everyone who ever served in peace time. This alone would increase the amount to be raised by taxes around \$100,000 in additional tax impact at the current rate. If both were done, the total impact would add about \$134,000 for a total amount to be raised by taxes of \$332,900 or \$.37/\$1,000. Either would require a warrant article. A decision does not need to be made until January.

Young Road: The bid request has been advertised.