

MEETING AT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Budget presentation/overview

Green Hill Road Bridge presentation including discussion of detours, various options of repair/replacement, etc. This project is still several years into the future based on availability of state 80% matching funds.

Action items:

Boilers: The School will be replacing the boilers at the Elementary School. The ones at the former Town Hall will fit, are relatively new and cost about \$50,000. ***Will the Town allow the school to take the boilers out of the former town hall for the Elementary School?***

Former student and teacher at former town hall has asked for a blackboard out of the building. Any objection to allowing it to be taken?

Taxes \$2,621 paid on a small lot for 3 years that was owned by another who had their land in current use: Our attorney indicates there is unlikely any funds from title insurance for this kind of issue. As a fairness issue he felt it would be appropriate to return the money. ***What does the Board wish to do?***

Information:

Holiday Event: We have planned an employee/Board meal for December 4, starting with reception at 5 PM and meal at 6PM at Nippo Golf Course. We are inviting employees and the Board of Selectmen. There will be no charge for employees or public officials. Those invited may bring a guest, but for the guest will be a \$10 charge. We are inviting people to enter the cookie baking contest, bringing cookies for dessert.

Former Town Hall: Most of the records, flat files, books, etc. have been moved to the storage unit. Most of the boxes left are records that can be disposed of under the state disposition/retention rules. (E.g. invoices over 3 years old, old ballots/election materials, etc.) I am ordering additional shelving to enable access to boxes we now have piled on pallets at the new facility to allow access and eventually be moved to a new Town Hall.

Highway Garage: Construction is underway for the footings, etc. The material at the site of the new garage proved unsuitable to support the garage. 30 yards of sand had to be removed and replaced with better load bearing material.

Revaluation: The total assessed value from 2014 to 2013 dropped by 2%. Commercial went up 9 % (Turbocam's new building a reason). Residential with buildings went down 2 %, utilities down 27%, mobile homes down 4% and land down 6%. After exemptions and credits \$893,386 in additional spending would be a \$1 dollar increase in the tax rate. In simple terms every \$9,000 increase in appropriations (without other offsetting revenues) increases the tax rate 1 cent.

Police Bargaining Unit: We have received a request to bargain with the police unit and will plan to meet to see what they are asking. One issue will be salaries, which the Board has not given guidance upon for the employees.

Change order: We have had a small change order on the Highway Garage for replacement of some of the subsurface soils.