

Selectboard Memo
January 5, 2015 SB Meeting

Kellogg-Hubbard Library 2015 Town Meeting Article

- KHL Representatives Tom McKone (KHL Director) & Lindy Biggs (East Montpelier representative on KHL board)
- See documents; desired request is \$38, 614, a 5% increase over the \$36,775 figure of the past two years

Development of Selectboard Report for 2014 Annual Report

- Need to develop concepts board members wish to highlight for the report

Funding Request Committee 2015 Town Meeting Article

- See report; final total of \$22,561 for 27 organizations – a 3% increase over last year's total of \$21,911

Discussion on FY2016 Budget Development

- See the revised draft FY16 budget worksheet (numbers through 01/05/2015)
- Major issue remains what methodology to use in order fund the Capital Plan concept, if the Selectboard agrees to move forward with the Capital Plan
 - Currently shown as \$445,307 line item "Capital Reserve Fund"; this is the total of all items, including paving and vehicle payments, considered part of the capital plan
 - Adjustments to this line will play the major role in containing any potential tax rate increase

Discussion on 2015 Town Meeting Warning

- Only new items remain: Capital Reserve Fund redefinition; East Montpelier Trails funding; No cap on Funding Request Article voting on the floor
 - The capital reserve fund item will be sent to VLCT to ensure proper wording
- No sign yet of any petitioned articles for the 2015 Warning

Excess Weight Permits

- Excess weight permit for Paul Poulin

Additions to Agenda

- Lister Request for Authorization to Appeal Common Level of Appraisal Result
 - Lister Ross Hazel is concerned that the 94.10% CLA is lower than our statistics warrant; he has invited Bill Tobin, state Property Valuation & Review interim agent for our district, to explain the result to our board of listers on January 12th; if an appeal is warranted, we'll need to submit the appeal by the end of that week (January 16th); the letter of appeal needs to be signed by the Selectboard; if so desired, the SB could authorize Seth to sign the letter; the appeal is often a quick process and can be withdrawn if further research shows no reason for concern

Town Administrator Report

- Road Foreman Concern:
 - Road Foreman Mike Garand would like an open letter from the Selectboard laying out the rules for town resident use of the town's salt and sand piles
 - He would like to stop large scale removals
 - He thinks it may be time to look into cameras or, like Montpelier, a fence
 - An 8-foot chain link fence around the town garage/sand pile/salt pile (minimum perimeter of about 1,000 feet) would cost, for materials, easily \$20,000
 - Material values:
 - Approximate cost of sand lately has been around or just under \$12/cu yd (this year we paid \$11.24 – our lowest price in some time); there's 202 wet gallons/cu yd & 174 dry gallons/cu yd (about 6¢ per wet gallon; 7¢ per dry gallon)
 - The cost of a 5-gal bucket of sand is around 35 cents; you can get 6-plus wet gallons into a standard 5-gallon pail if you fill to the top
 - There is a sign stating that residents can take 2 5-gal buckets of sand – 70 cents worth
 - Every person in town could take that 2-bucket amount and we would lose less than 4% of our current annual purchase (a total of less than \$2,000 worth of sand); our 1070 residential households could each take about 5 buckets for that same 4%
 - Salt calculations would be about 6x the sand numbers; removal of salt by residents is not, at this point, a major concern
- Other Road Foreman Issues:
 - Mike would like to have a decision made soon as to the use of the Templeton Road fire station for heavy equipment storage; he has provided an estimate for overhead door renovation
 - He would also like to know if the SB is in agreement on potential purchases of:
 - A trailer to replace the use of the unsafe chloride truck
 - A sander/salter for the town pickup truck
- Update on Town Treasurer appointment process
- Upcoming Schedule of Events:
 - January 12th Potential special Selectboard meeting for budget/warning development
6:30 p.m. at town office
 - January 19th Selectboard regular meeting
6:30 p.m. at town office
 - January 26th Probable special Selectboard meeting for budget/warning adoption
6:30 p.m. at town office

Zoning Administrator Report

- See final permit activity for 2014; 67 total permit applications
- Duane Wells DRB decision appealed to Environmental Court