

Town of Groton
Select Board Work Session Minutes
February 2, 2016

In attendance: Christina Goodwin, Robert Ferriere, John Rescigno, and Sara Smith (Administrative Assistant - AA)

Christina called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Prep for Public Hearing on Budget and Warrant Articles

Budget

Christina explained that she has the contract for the Fire Department, the wage study information, and anything else she thinks the Public will ask about. She is going to be clear that we are not trying to slam the past Boards but they didn't want to do any increases.

Christina also explained that we had never put the \$50,000.00 that was put in for Kimball Hill. With this information we can show that the operating budget only went up \$8,000.00. The overall budget went down \$69,255.00.

John mentioned that the only thing he heard about the budget is the increases and that they should have been stepped up.

Christina mentioned we will have to explain that if they picked up a budget before yesterday at 3:00pm they should grab an updated one.

Capital Outlay

We won't go over the capital outlay since this will be gone over with the Warrant Articles.

Warrant Articles

Christina explained that there is one petitioned warrant article which is to add \$6,000.00 to the Highway Material line. Although the intent is assumed for gravel roads, the article doesn't state that.

Christina also had Sara send her copies of all of the quotes for the different articles (6,7,8) and has the contract for Avitar for WA 11.

Mike Ethier

John explained he received a complaint that Mike Ethier was cutting along the Cockermouth River. Mike submitted an Intent to Cut but needed to pay a bond and give more information so a letter was sent. This has not been approved as of yet. Sara will reach out to Jesse Bushaw at the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) to inform him of this and to request for him to go out and check it out. If it is confirmed then we will reach out to Department of Environmental Services (DES) and also check to see if Cockermouth is protected. Sara looked and the Cockermouth is not protected but the Wetlands permitting might be required.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant