

Budget & Finance Meeting Notes

Tuesday, November 20, 2018 – 5: 00 PM

5:00 PM – Tom Paquette, Cemetery - 6:00 PM – John Champion, Highway

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Pat Harvey, Vic Ribaud, Nancy Woolley, Tom Paquette, John Champion

Vic reported that WRVA would not be increasing their Appropriation request.

Cemetery: Tom indicated that he had not followed up on the mapping project that needs to be done at all cemeteries. Is it possible that Dean Russell who will be doing the Town's tax maps has the expertise to do cemetery mapping? Nancy suggested that Tom contact the Town of Chester and discuss their approach to mapping, and handed documentation to Tom for his consideration. Nancy will contact Tom Giffin of VOCA again to see if he could meet with the Cemetery Commissioners.

The commissioners need to have a survey done of all Irene work at the cemetery, and get a legal flood plan map.

Discussed why the Town is cleaning the French mausoleum. Suggested that Tom review the deed and perpetual care, and also contact Debbie Gillette Law, the one remaining heir. Suggestion made to remove the euonymus bushes at the marble seat at the cemetery entrance.

Suggested also that commissioners review VT Statutes regarding new legislation on old lots where there has been no activity, and also 'green' burials.

Highway: John feels that the \$16,000 FY20 mowing will also have to include removal of problem trees.

Equipment Rental - Planning to rent an excavator for ditching, and reduce the ditching expense.

Culverts are in poor shape.

John will check with Joanne on the Telephone expense. Regarding Education, they do not have to pay for classes taken. Remove the \$50.00.

Small Tools – need a chainsaw, and prefer Husqvarna. Additional tools are needed.

Grant – Lois wrote a grant for Fire and Highway. Highway got \$50 for a helmet. VLCT told John that there is grant money available. Discuss with Lois.

Chloride – 90¢ per gallon and going up.

Salt - \$83 per ton. A good deal! Guaranteed 300 tons of white/ 100 tons of green. Using less salt.

Gravel – Need to look at future paving. Grind and put back on. Called Chip Seal. No particular road in mind. Grant money will offset.

Sand –

Crosswalks – Doesn't have to be expensive to accomplish the painting – probably 2 gallons.

Suggested that John talk with Joanne about getting updated year-to-date figures which could help him in finalizing his budget request.

Adjourned 7:45