

Budget & Finance Meeting Notes
Tuesday, December 20, 2018 – 5: 00 PM

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Pat Harvey, Nancy Woolley, Vic Ribaud, Barb Dehart, Lois Bond, Greg White, Jim Bowen

With the hiring of a new Town Clerk/Treasurer, we should increase the **Education** line from \$250 to \$500.

Doon talked with Mike Chamberlain, Windsor County Sheriff, about costs associated with the Sheriff's Department covering roads in Rochester. Mike presented \$60 per hour and 60¢ per mile. They are 33 miles from Rochester and work in 4-hour chunks. A contract would be necessary. They do not deal with commercial trucks as that falls under the DMV. Doon also spoke with the Vermont State Police and their contract calls for \$68 per hour.

Doon called VLCT to discuss appointing versus electing a Town Clerk/Treasurer. It would require a Town charter change which is not difficult, and would become effective 45 days after the vote if approved. We will be voting on January 14 to change the term from 3 years to 1 year for each position.

Further discussion on the Warning, and whether we should consider removing the Library from the Town Budget, and having the requested amount listed as an article on the Warning. Discussed also was including WRVA as an article, rather than as an appropriation.

Audit for FY20 will be \$8,500.

Tax Mapping in FY20: \$4,500

Recycling FY20: Stay at \$14,400

Dues & Fees: Still awaiting information on the County Tax and Green Mountain Economic.

Property Taxes: Joanne indicates that the amounts listed are correct.

Constable: Bethel indicates they are *“reducing the Constable’s cell phone line to 0 and reduced the Constable’s Communications/Equipment line to \$800, due to changes he brought in to the Town Manager regarding a new deal reached with another town to share an existing computer.”*

Reduce Gas to \$1,700

Fire Dept: Need to discuss further – clothing. High?

Listers: What is CAMA?

Highway: Equipment & Parts – Reduce to \$37,000. Should discuss further.

Adjourned: 7:10