



TOWN OF
NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

375 MAIN STREET • NEW LONDON, NH 03257 • WWW.NL-NH.COM

**BUDGET COMMITTEE/
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JOINT MEETING MINUTES**

October 2, 2017

6:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

G. William Helm, Jr., Chairman

Nancy Rollins, Selectman

Janet Kidder, Selectman

Kim Hallquist, Town Administrator

Wendy Johnson, Finance Officer

Budget Committee Members: Joe Cardillo, Colin Campbell, Rob Prohl, Chris Lorio, Tyler Beck, Phyllis Piotrow, Suzanne Jesseman, Bruce Hudson, (Lyndsay Lund - absent)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jean Connolly, Center for the Arts Susan Elliot, Center for the Arts

Richard Lee, Public Works Department Ed Anderson, Chief of Police

Will Kidder, Cupola Project Kim Bonin, Cupola Project

Sandra Licks, Library Director Donna Larrow, Admin. Assistant, Police Department

John Raby, Intertown Record

Chair Helm called the joint meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Joint Meeting with Budget Committee – Review of Public Works Department FY2019 Budget

Chair Helm explained that the plan for this year is the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee will try to have all 12 members of the two boards meet with the Department Heads and hear each presentation.

Public Works Director Richard Lee attended to discuss the budget for the Public Works Department. Some of the highlights of this summary are:

- Overall, Highway administration has gone down \$7,000.
- Drug and Alcohol Testing – increase \$100.00
- Uniform Cleaning – increase \$500.00
- Equipment Maintenance – increase \$3,000 (Repair costs)
- Tires – increase \$1,000
- Gravel – decrease \$3,000 due to roads recently done, anticipating not needing as much.
- Drainage Material – increase \$500 (Catch Basins, frames and grates)
- Waste Disposal – increase \$5,000
- Building Electricity – increase \$2,000
- Heating fuel – decrease \$2,000
- Sewer Building Maintenance – decrease \$2,500
- Computer support – increase \$500

- Town Hall electricity – increase \$2,000
- Town Hall Heating fuel – decrease \$2,000
- Town Hall water – increase \$100
- Town Hall Maintenance – increase \$1,000
- Fire Station Electricity – increase \$500
- Highway Garage Heating Fuel – decrease \$1,000
- Transfer Station Heating Fuel – decrease \$375
- Bucklin Beach Water – increase \$80.00
- Pleasant Lake Dam Gate – increase \$50.00

Phyllis Piotrow inquired about the tires that are used for the vehicles. Mr. Lee stated they use all season radial tires on the pick-up trucks and the dump trucks use a gripper tread on the back and a steering tire on the front. She also asked for additional information on the sprinkler system and about recommendations on the transfer station. Mr. Lee stated they are going to try to get the water main into the building. The cost is approximately \$29,000. As far as the transfer station study, a traffic analysis has been done. The solid waste committee will come before the Board to address this further.

Budget Chair Prohl inquired about the revenue from the use of Whipple Hall. Ms. Hallquist replied that there is a cost of \$25.00 for non-profit organizations to use it for up to 12 hours or \$50.00 for more than 12 hours. Sometimes those fees get waived for various reasons. The total amount collected last year was \$900.00.

Mr. Lorio inquired about signs. He asked if there was plan to purchase more of the LED solar powered signs to place around town. Mr. Lee stated they are \$2,500 each and he hasn't put in for them as they are expensive. He believes money would be better spent to buy a speed box that the Police Department could move around from place to place.

Mr. Hudson inquired about money left over and what money wasn't spent last year. There was money left in paving, sand and salt line items. Mr. Lee noted that he was asked to curb spending near the end of the fiscal year to help with overages in other areas.

Selectmen Kidder asked Mr. Lee to update the group on projects that have been recently completed. Mr. Lee reported that Pleasant Lake Dam is done. The sewer lagoons have been cleaned out. The guardrail in Elkins has been installed. Sidewalks on Seamans Road and Parkside will be paved by the end of the week. The culvert on Brookside is about 80% put together.

Mr. Beck asked about Transfer Station signs. Mr. Lee reported that he has asked the Solid Waste committee to come up with wording but it is still in process. Mr. Hudson inquired about the new street sweeper. Mr. Lee reported that it was less expensive to operate than the former sweeper and they were able to cut about 25% of personnel time to clean the streets. With the old machine they would go through one main broom and four sets of gutter brooms. With the new machine they will get two seasons out of the main broom and only use 4 sets of gutter brooms. That is a savings of about \$1,300.

The Joint Meeting concluded at 7:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Trina Dawson, Recording Secretary
Town of New London