

MINUTES
SELECT BOARD
TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH
 Tuesday, January 21, 2014 – 6:00pm
 1 Grove Street, Peterborough, New Hampshire

Present: Joe Byk, Barbara Miller, Liz Thomas

Roland Patten, Robert Lambert, Gordon Kemp, Steve Jones, Paul Sullivan, Jennifer Duffy

Also Present: Rodney Bartlett, Leo Smith, Nancie Vaihinger

Chair Byk called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Highway Department

	FY 2014	FY 2015	% Inc. or Dec.
Net Operating	\$1,339,960	\$1,408,645	-5.1%
Net Capital	\$110,000	\$230,000	109.1%
Net Special Warrant Article	\$155,000	\$0	-100%
To be raised through taxation	\$1,604,960	\$1,638,645	2.1%

Mr. Bartlett began his summary of the proposed budget by stating that there are changes in salaries and benefits. Overtime, standby time and call-in time have all been generated based largely on this year's historic use. The increase in engineering services reflects the next phase of engineering on the North Dam, and the remaining items are fairly close to last year's request. In revenues there is a transfer from the equipment capital reserve fund for equipment replacement, and from the Downtown TIF for lighting on the Grove Street Bridge.

Mr. Patten asked what is included in the Highway fixed asset line; **Mr. Bartlett** replied that it is for the replacement of the machinery and sidewalks. Before leaving the Highway budget, **Mr. Bartlett** noted that the paving of Old Greenfield Road, East Mountain Road and Union Street are planned for next year. There are plans to discuss the plans for Union Street with the Select Board on February 4, and a public hearing scheduled for later in February. The project will go out to bid sometime in April with work beginning in May, and likely completed in early spring of 2015. There was some discussion of the overall maintenance plan and reconstruction calendar.

Water Department

	FY 2014	FY 2015	% Inc. or Dec.
Operating	\$950,460	\$892,952	-6.1%
Capital	\$30,000	\$105,000	250%
Special Warrant Article	\$0	\$700,000	-100%
To be raised through taxation	\$0	\$0	NA

Mr. Bartlett said that there has been a significant reduction in the pumping flow of the Summer Street Well due to the growth of iron bacteria, which has begun to close the flow of water to the well. A consultant has been brought in who has identified a site for a new well, and has provided us with an estimate for the new well, and then the following year to construct a new building to house the machinery; in total, \$700,000. There is an expenditure in fixed assets, and a revenue line for a bond issue. As you look at the overall budget, the operating budget is down 7.61% and other than the cost of the new well, the overall budget is down about 9%. **Chair Byk** asked when netted out, what is the overall increase to water system user fees; **Mr. Bartlett** said that we will look at the bond schedule, but at this time he does not have a projection for what that impact will be. **Mr. Lambert** asked when the town will be able to draw from the Hunt Road well again; **Mr. Bartlett** explained that because of high levels of iron and manganese and the cost of filtering out those elements down to an acceptable level, the well cannot be brought fully online.

Wastewater Department

	FY 2014	FY 2015	% Inc. or Dec.
Operating	\$1,233,844	\$1,206,841	-2.2%
Capital	\$30,000	\$105,000	250%
To be raised through taxation	\$0	\$0	NA

Mr. Bartlett explained that the town has not yet received notice from NH DES of the amount of State Aid Grant the town will be receiving, however we anticipate it will be about \$400,000. Overall the budget is up less than \$100,000, which will be more than offset by the SAG grant once it is released. There are some changes in salaries and benefits; overall the operating budget is up 1%, and the department budget is up 3.8%, which of course does not reflect the SAG revenue.

Solar Array

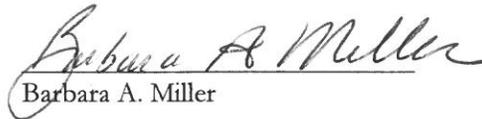
Chair Byk announced that last week the Governor and Executive Council approved the grant for the solar array at the closed lagoons. This will be the largest solar project in New Hampshire, will power the wastewater treatment plant, and will meet nearly all municipal needs. **Mr. Bartlett** reviewed the general structure of the power purchase agreement with the Board and Budget Committee.

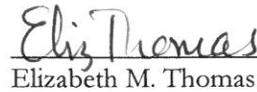
As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicole MacStay, Assistant Town Administrator

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Joe Byk, Chair


Barbara A. Miller


Elizabeth M. Thomas

ACTION ITEM PENDING LIST

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