

TOWN OF LINCOLN BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
LINCOLN TOWN HALL
OCTOBER 16, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER @ 5:30
2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - Change to minutes, line 118 fix and amend, and approve at next meeting
3. MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2019 DEPARTMENT BUDGET REVIEW
 - Discussion of when to start meeting. Previously, it was in January, as the statute states that department heads have until the end of year to submit their budgets. We will request budgets earlier, if possible.
 - Paul Beaudin requested that the groups that have budgets that don't change much be looked at earlier, so that we can get ahead of the game and then do the ones where there are changes expected (i.e.: Capital Improvements), after January 1.
 - Since the Board of Selectmen's Meeting is in the first week in December, it was decided we start meeting the 2nd week in December.
 - Dates are tentatively set as follows, with a few extra added in case of snow days: December 11, December 13 and December 18
 - Question raised as to when Woodstock holds their meetings so we can meet with them also.
 - January 8, January 10, January 15, January 17, January 22 and extra dates to be used if necessary January 24, January 29 and January 31
 - Public Meetings can't be before the 8th or after the 15th of February so the public meeting will be set for February 12th and then the 14th if needed.
 - TOWN MEETING IS MARCH 12th.
 - Calendar will be looked at for any discrepancies and then the meeting dates will be reviewed and approved at our next meeting, November 13th at 5:30 pm
4. FURTHER DISCUSSION OF QUESTIONS TO ADMINISTRATION (see handout from Mike)
 - INFO ON WATER ISSUE AND RELATED COSTS
 - Selectboard discussed, and many questions were raised about, a committee that is being formed to look at concerns of sewer treatment plant and fire suppression. Dennis will be our representative on ANALYSIS COMMITTEE
 - JACK'S QUESTION ON LEGAL FEES
 - The answers received did not fully address his questions, so he will write out specific questions and email them to Johnna
 - PAUL'S QUESTIONS REGARDING THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND RECENT PURCHASES
 - Paul was concerned that the items bought were not mentioned in last year's budget review and are they "wants or needs."

- We as a committee do not direct departments on how they spend their budget or what they deem as "wants and needs."
- Paul will send further questions to Mike.
- JACK'S QUESTION ABOUT LEVEE
 - Maintaining Levee is responsibility of town
 - Still in litigation so some answers are not available at this time.
 - On November 30 Army Corp of Engineers will decide if Levee is back on active status
- Answer to Paul's question about Ambulance Services was left off answer sheet, but it was discussed at Board of Selectmen's meeting
 - The Selectboard supports the Ambulance's request for money. There is no formal agreement with Lin-Wood Ambulance Service and no bid was or is put out by them.
 - The Selectboard has decided not to pursue bids as when questions were asked of two companies the money would be well over what Lin-Wood Ambulance has asked for.

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- None

6. ADJOURNMENT



Chairman Mike Simons



Date