

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Monday  
June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
6:00 P. M.  
MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE:** Meeting was called to order by Chairman, J. Brooks at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** All members present.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### TOWN WARRANT & BUDGET ARTICLES

Resident, Gretchen Heldmann, asked the board what Clifton pays for the fire contract and where does that money go. Russell confirmed the figure is \$23,000 and it basically just goes into the building loan. The contract is re-evaluated every three years and we are in the second year, of the current contract.

Susan Shane questioned a \$4000 increase under Protection, for firefighter compensation. It was explained that a big part of this is for weekend station coverage, a system just recently implemented. One person mans the station, at their regular hourly call rate from 8am to 4pm, on weekends. Resident Tania McIntyre asked if the town of Clifton pays a fair share, and if not, why not? Chief Ellis explained the contract figures.

Resident, Rusty Gagnon, mentioned that while comparing notes from the 2013-14 to the 2014-15 Budget, some figures appear to stay the same and some have a significant increase? Russell explained that due to one being a 17month vs. a 12 month budget, some of the figures did not increase because they were already paid out of the seventeen month budget, depending on the time of year they became due.

The Snowplow Contract was asked about, as well as the current year is it in? Russell answered that we are in the last year of our current contract and that no bids were submitted by the first deadline. The bidding process will be re-opened with a new deadline set.

It was asked what percentage of homes and buildings in the town do not pay taxes, such as non profits? And could they be charged a service fee? Russell said he could check into that process and see how a service fee would be charged.

The big topic of discussion was the Highways account line, increased by just over \$83,000. Several thoughts and ideas were thrown out to the board such as taking out a road note and financing it over a period of time. Russell explained that the cost of paving has gone way up and for years they have basically put band aids on problem areas, so to speak. Hill St. and Levensellar Road are both areas of immediate concern. The board hopes to be able to get back on track, putting some kind of plan in place for road repair & paving, to be scheduled each year, so an increase such as this doesn't happen again. Resident Tania McIntyre suggested including a quality control person, which can be onsite. She spoke about how paving is expensive and people will take short cuts if not watched.

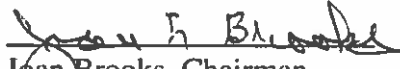
It was noted that the HHW Line can be deleted, saving \$1200.00. This program was recently canceled by Bangor Public Works, after several years.

Russell Smith reminded the few people in attendance that any line items may be amended down in price at town meeting, and put to vote.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.


C. Grover, Jr. / C. Baker, Jr.

Vote 5-0.

  
Joan Brooks, Chairman

  
Charles Baker, Jr., Selectmen

  
Peter Lyford, Selectmen

  
Charles Grover Jr., Vice-Chairman

  
~~Donn Goodwin, Selectmen~~

MICHAEL SHEPHERD