

Minutes of Litchfield Budget Committee

January 19, 2015

Present: Rodney Allen, David Blocher, Richard Lane, Pat Soboleski,
Elton Wade

Absent: Judy Bourget, Don Jenkins

1. Reviewed and updated minutes from Dec 15 meeting.
2. Elton has not been able to contact Judy Bourget to see if she plans to become active on the Budget Committee. He will make one more attempt and then ask the Selectmen to appoint a replacement.
3. Current expenses:
 - a. DEP inspected the Transfer Station and found numerous violations, most notably problems in handling waste oil. Trudy is getting estimates for remediating the situation. The cost could be substantial.
 - b. The 1-ton truck is on its last legs and has required many repairs. The hope is make it through the end of this year and replace it following the town meeting.
 - c. The Road Advisory Committee (RAC) is inputting data members collected into the DOT inventory and assessment program and will use the output to assign priorities for reconstruction and paving.
 - d. The RAC is recommending that the bridge on the Ferrin Road be replaced next year. This will be quite expensive and may require a temporary bridge during construction.
4. Discuss presentation on Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Jan 26 meeting.
 - a. David prepared a draft document that gave an overview of the program including sections on What, Why, Who and How. The Committee agreed to use this document in the meeting with the Selectmen.
 - b. Elton, Don and David can attend next week's meeting
 - c. David and Trudy have not updated the time line for this year's budget process. They will attempt to do so following the Selectmen's meeting.
5. Next meeting is 6:30 PM on Monday, Feb 16 (President's Day)
 - a. Report on recent activities
 - b. Review Town revenue, expenses and fund balances through January 2015.
 - c. Set dates for meetings with Town and School Board (David get input).
 - d. Elton will approach Litchfield members of the School Committee to see if we can arrange a meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David Blocher, Acting Secretary