

Hancock Budget Advisory Committee
December 9, 2014

Present:Committee: Ron Mack, Patricia Payne. Mark Lombardi,
Mathew Hale and Lauren Carney

Director of Public Works Kurt Grasset
Police Chief Andy Wood

Meeting was called to order at 6:10

Ron asked to approve the November 13 minutes. Pat moved and
Mathew Hale seconded to approve the minutes. Minutes were
approved.

Kurt Grasset met with the committee to discuss the Department
of Public Works.

High Points of Departmental Budget Changes

Recycling/transfer station

The end of this year the 2014 year end budget will be
close to projections. A newly negotiated contract for the
recyclables will lower costs.

Highway Department

Increased repair and maintenance costs of aging vehicles
and newer vehicle
technology.

Kurt is talking with the Selectmen regarding the possibility

of leasing vehicles like commercial operations.

Current lower fuel cost are not reflected in the budget, 2014 fuel prices have been used for the 2015 budget.

Highway Block Grant

A discussion of what the Highway Block Grants are determined and used. The amount of Highway Block Grants is determined by the state.

Possible Warrant Articles

Parking area (apron) of the Fire Department
New shed for the Highway Department
Increase bridge capital reserve

Buildings and Grounds

Kurt receives requests from individual departments for building or grounds improvements of maintenance issues.

The Recreation Committee last year had requested additional mowing of the ball fields. This is causing added manpower time to cut grass. A discussion of increasing user fees to offset the additional costs of maintenance that Recreation Committee members or volunteers did in the past.

Police Department

Police Chief Andy Wood shared the HPD budget requests.

Andy discussed the budget increases are in salaries, step increases for officers. There is concern that Hancock pays its Police employees less than surrounding towns. It has lead to Hancock paying for training and then officers moving onto other towns. This is an ongoing concern.

No warrant articles are foreseen by the HPD.

The next meeting will be December 16, 2014

The meeting was closed at 8:52

Respectfully submitted

Lauren Carney