



**Frenchville Board of Selectman
and Budget Committee Meeting**
Frenchville Town Office Conference Room
Thursday, February 18, 2016 6:30 P.M.

**REFERRED TO AS “ATTACHMENT A”
TO FEBRUARY 25, 2016 MEETING MINUTES**

BOS Present: Ryan E Pelletier, Percy Thibeault, Jamie Voisine, John Ezzy,
Clarence Roy

Budget Committee Present: Aurel Lavoie, Danny Pelletier, Ricky Gervais,
Gary Paradis, Vernon Labbe.

Others: Eric Blanchette, Danna Dubois

1. **Call meeting to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:25 P.M. by Percy Thibeault.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **New Business:**
 - A. **EXPLANATIONS:** The Board of Selectmen explained the following to the Budget Committee:
 - Overcharges to the 2015 Budget were discovered after the budget was approved.
 - Maine Retirement Check for dividends earned in the amount of \$54,693 was received in 2015. Discussion regarding creating an Article to move the funds into a new account and use these funds to pay the town’s portion of employee’s retirement expense for the next four years.
 - Intentions to add an Article to decrease mil rate by one percent.
 - New budget layout explained including insurances and payroll taxes are now included with each department.

- B. 2016 BUDGET:** The 2016 Budget was presented to the Budget Committee by the Board of Selectmen. These amounts were approved by the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday, February 16.
- General Government was approved by Budget Committee for \$289,889. Motion made by Aurel Lavoie; seconded by Danny Pelletier. All in favor. APPROVED.
 - Other Services & Debts was approved by Budget Committee for \$31,475 including decrease to tax discount from 3% to 1.5%. Motion made by Gary Paradis; seconded by Ricky Gervais. All in favor. APPROVED.
 - Public Safety was approved by Budget Committee for \$46,776. Increase to Fire Department to purchase new bunker gear. Grants available for reimbursement. Motion made by Aurel Lavoie; seconded by Danny Pelletier. All in favor. APPROVED.
 - Public Works was approved by Budget Committee for \$319,724. Mention made regarding patching expense funds are not high enough but will be discussed more during Road Improvement Project presentation. Motion made by Vernon Labbe; seconded by Gary Paradis. All in favor. APPROVED.
 - Social Service was approved by Budget Committee for \$12,233. Motion made by Gary Paradis; seconded by Ricky Gervais. All in favor. APPROVED.
 - Recreation Department was approved by Budget Committee for \$9,626. Includes Boat Landing expenses which will be 90% reimbursed by state grant. Motion made by Danny Pelletier; seconded by Aurel Lavoie. All in favor. APPROVED.
 - Internal Government was approved by Budget Committee for \$463,670. Includes \$30,893 increase to school budget. Motion made by Aurel Lavoie; seconded by Ricky Gervais. All in favor. APPROVED.
 - Community Center was approved by Budget Committee for \$12,684. Over budget for 2015 was due to new furnace installation. Motion made by Danny Pelletier; seconded by Gary Paradis. All in favor. APPROVED.
 - Capital Improvements was approved by Budget Committee for \$138,739. Two loans will be paid in full in 2016 which are the Fire Truck loan and Church Avenue Culvert loan. Motion made by Aurel Lavoie; seconded by Vernon Labbe. All in favor. APPROVED.
 - Sewer Department was approved by Budget Committee for \$133,733. Motion made by Aurel Lavoie; seconded by Gary Paradis. All in favor. APPROVED.
 - General Assistance was approved by Budget Committee for \$5,000. Motion made by Vernon Labbe; seconded by Aurel Lavoie. All in favor. APPROVED.

C. WARRANT ARTICLES: Motions made to approve the following as Articles on the Warrant for Town of Frenchville Town Meeting dated March 22, 2016:

- Public Works snow pusher- selling price \$3300. Leased for two months at \$200 per month. Balance due in March will be \$2900. To be paid from Equipment Reserve account.
Budget Committee: Motion made by Vernon Labbe; seconded by Ricky Gervais. All in favor. APPROVED.
BOS: Motion made by John Ezzy; seconded by Jamie Voisine. All in favor. APPROVED.
- Maine Retirement Funds- received \$54,693. Article should request using these funds to pay for town's portion of employee's retirement funds; one year's expense to be deposited into the assigned retirement account for each department and the remaining balance deposited into a special reserve account.
Budget Committee: Motion made by Vernon Labbe; seconded by Ricky Gervais. All in favor. APPROVED.
BOS: Motion made by John Ezzy; seconded by Jamie Voisine. All in favor. APPROVED.
- Hill Side Hydrants Project- \$9000 to be taken from Surplus Account to complete project.
Budget Committee: Motion made by Gary Paradis; seconded by Ricky Gervais. All in favor. APPROVED.
BOS: Motion made by John Ezzy; seconded by Jamie Voisine. All in favor. APPROVED.
- Pelletier Avenue Project- \$18,618 from Surplus Account to continue project begun in 2014.
Budget Committee: Motion made by Aurel Lavoie; seconded by Danny Pelletier. All in favor. APPROVED.
BOS: Motion made by Jamie Voisine; seconded by John Ezzy. All in favor. APPROVED.
- Incidental Expenses- \$9000 to be taken from Surplus account for the following;
 1. Community Center Chair Lift \$5,000
 2. First Aid-Automatic Defibrillator \$1,000
 3. Municipal Blg Security Camera \$1,200
 4. 2nd Entrance Door Stain Steel Lock \$1,800

TOTAL INCIDENTAL: \$9,000

Total from Surplus for above mentioned: \$36,618.

4. Unappropriated Funds :

RECAPS

- 2015 Over Committed: \$45,894
- 2015 Over Budget: \$13,878
- Total: \$59,772

SPECIAL PROJECT

- 2015 Surplus: \$59,772
- 2016 from Surplus: \$36,618
- Total: \$23,154 (equals ½ mil reduction)
- Plus 2016 Tax Commitment
from Surplus Acct: \$20,000 (equals ½ mil reduction)
\$43,154
- Reduce 2016 Tax Commitment by 1 mil :
Budget Committee: Motion made by Aurel Lavoie; seconded by Gary Paradis. All in favor. APPROVED.
BOS: Motion made by John Ezzy; seconded by Jamie Voisine. All in favor. APPROVED.

5. **Public Works Plow Truck:** Discussion regarding purchasing plow truck. Suggestions to also get estimates on Glider Truck. Budget Committee agrees that a truck must be purchased.
Budget Committee: Motion made by Vernon Labbe to write Article to purchase a truck not exceeding purchase price of \$175,000; seconded by Aurel Lavoie. All in favor. APPROVED.
BOS: Agreed to same wording on Article; not to exceed \$175,000. Motion made by John Ezzy; seconded by Jamie Voisine. All in favor. APPROVED.

6. **Road Project:** Discussion regarding repairs and tarring on Church Avenue, Starbarn Avenue, and two Pelletier roads. 2015 budget approved an allowance of \$75,000 for Road Upgrades. Budget Committee would like to see bids for tarring these roads this year and use \$75,000 to make the first loan payment in lieu of repairing the roads. They also feel that fuel costs are low so tarring will be lower this year than in future years; interest rates are low; and construction companies are said to have a lack of work this coming summer so bids could possibly come in lower than in a couple years.
Budget Committee: Motion made by Ricky Gervais to get bids for full package which includes 3 inches pavement including paving the “gravel” Pelletier Road and reduce pavement to 2 inches if needed, not to exceed \$2,000,000; seconded by Aurel Lavoie. All in favor. APPROVED.

BOS: Motion made by John Ezzy to request bids and have Warrant Article read as follows:

“To see if the Town will authorize its treasurer, with the advice and consent of the Board of Selectpersons and the Budget Committee acting as a single board, to enter into agreements to implement a comprehensive road reconstruction plan to upgrade Church Avenue, Starbarn Avenue, and Pelletier Avenue and to enter agreements in order to borrow an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 at terms and conditions that would be most advantageous to the Town.”

Seconded by Jamie Voisine. All in favor. APPROVED.

7. **Future Meeting Dates:**

- Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 6:30 PM at the Frenchville Town Office
8. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM. Motioned by John Ezzy, seconded by
Jamie Voisine. All in favor. APPROVED.
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