

BUDGET HEARING – February 6, 2017

Present: Richard Bielefield, John Strasser, Margo Connors
Jennifer Gaudette

Guests: Irene Amsbary, Chief Clark, Kevin Johnson, Nancy & Carl Martland, Greg Connors,
Road Agent Doug Glover, Chief Wentworth, Maxine Aldrich, Judy Weisenberger

Chairman Bielefield opened the Budget Hearing and reviewed the Revenue and Budget figures as prepared for 2017.

Highway increase includes using Peter Carbonneau in the spring and fall so that highway employees can take time off.

Insurance is up 5.2% and the increase was split between town and employees. There will be approximately 8200.00 in offsetting revenue.

Police budget is up because Chief Wentworth will be retiring in September 2017 and the town will have to start paying for a fulltime chief and also retirement for same.

Solid Waste is up due to some benefits for the employees.

Cemetery budget will be offset with trust fund money.

Forestry Budget of \$500 will be included in the Emergency Management

Bridge:

The board explained the ongoing Crane Hill Bridge project and that we are currently waiting for a meeting with DOT to look at additional options. The State will be pay 80% and the town pays 20%.

Northern Pass:

The board advised that the Town used up the CRF fund of \$20,000 this year and would like \$30,000 to be put in this year. Margo testified at the SEC hearing this week.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer P. Gaudette
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