

Ashland Board of Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, September 15, 2014
8 AM

Members Present: Fran Newton, Steve Felton, Jeanette Stewart, Normand DeWolfe

Members Absent: Phil Preston

Others Present: Jim Gleich, Patsy Tucker

Jim put a 5% raise in the salary line for pay increases. The beach was open June 20th thru August 24th. S. Felton asked what was the number of people attending the beach while the lifeguards are on duty. Jim said many times people like coming over to the beach after the lifeguards have gone home. Jim said that 18 children are registered for the after school program. There is a mix between part time and full time after school students. The program is 12.5 hours per week. He was considering paddle boats for next year. He was going to contact Marine Patrol. In January Jim is going to do interviews for summer help, programs, etc. In April Jim will push to get the campground ready. In May the campground opens. Jim does many tasks including his budget, personnel, 4th of July, scheduling the field for games and events, and also scheduling the booster club.

The fuel line will be overspent this year. Budget is increased for next year. Water and Sewer will both come in under budget. Chemical toilet expenses are not reflected on the spreadsheet. The building expense budget does not include floor refinishing or replacement. The cost to refinish is about \$2500 with a life expectancy of only 5-6 years. The Board encouraged Jim to look into budgeting or a warrant article for floor replacement at a cost of about \$6000 but with a much longer life. The proposed budget of \$2500 includes upgrades to lighting. Jim mentioned that he will also be looking at replacement doors for the main entrance, ramp entrance and back door. These are not in the budget at present.

Summer vacation – Proposed budget for salaries is the same. Training line is for CPR training for staff if needed. New first aid kits will be needed next year. Two new picnic tables are needed next year. F. Newton mentioned that S. Heath has some picnic tables built by the elementary school children that may be available free of charge. If not, they are on sale at Ashland Lumber and can be purchased out of this year's budget, which is still underspent.

Beach maintenance – May need more sand next year. The sand should be added every 5 years and it has been at last that long. There have been some complaints about the quality of sand currently. Jim is looking into possibilities for dredging (reclamation) of the lake sand that has drifted toward the jetty. It should be brought back toward the beach, especially to build up the area at the bottom of the ramp, which has about an 8-inch drop-off, making it not wheelchair accessible. Jim will get a quote from Squam Docks. This will need a permit, a cost of about \$200. This reclamation should be done every 5 years.

Vacation Camp – special is for admissions. The bussing budget is increased because four additional field trips are planned for next year.

Campground – cleaning also includes beach cleaning. Proposed budget seems high based on past experience. The board proposed \$500.

Booster Club – there needs to be a specified procedure and schedule in place and posted to ensure cleaning is adequate and up to code. Jim will check with the school to see if they have one to use as a model.

Utility expenses (electric, water and sewer) should all come in under budget. Year to date expenses on worksheet do not reflect actual costs. Proposed budget seems high considering actual costs over the last two years.

Campground – improvements (maintenance) includes tree service and fill. Jim mentioned that a new roof will be needed for the bath house and needs to get an estimate for this work.

Brenda will update the worksheets for Finance, Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Executive for review. She expressed concerns about the slowness of the software since the town moved to cloud storage. She also noted that totals are not showing up on worksheets. These concerns will be discussed at tonight's board meeting and likely brought to the attention of CCS and BMSI.

S. Felton moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 AM and F. Newton seconded it. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanette Stewart
Frances Newton