

Carrabassett Valley Selectmen's Meeting
4:30 p.m. Monday January 21st, 2019 at the Town Office

Agenda:

Review and sign 2019 Payroll Warrants:

Review and sign 2019 Town Expenditure Warrants:

1. **MINUTES** from previous meeting (January 7th, 2019) are attached.
2. **MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONSORTIUM:** This group represents several Social Service Agencies, Western Maine Transportation and the Greater Franklin Development Corporation. Their concern is the lack of funding in the Franklin County Budget for these organizations that is supported by the Franklin County Commissioners. Until recently, most of these organizations were partially funded through the Franklin County Budget. If the Selectmen considered the entire list of funding it would represent \$23,375 based on our State Valuation. This group is requesting that the Selectmen place an Article in our Town Meeting Warrant for the voters to consider that would request that the Franklin County Commissioners fund these organizations through the County Budget process. Please read the attached related correspondence.
3. **MEETING WITH MARCIA WHITE AND ANN FLIGHT REPRESENTING THE SUGARLOAF AREA SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE (SASI) TO PROPOSE THAT THE TOWN (VOTERS) CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE THAT WOULD ESSENTIALLY BAN RETAIL PLASTIC AND STRAFORM PACKAGING IN CARRABASSETT VALLEY:** Please see attached related information).
4. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE THE 250-ACRE SO CALLED "TED JONES" LOT:** As we have previously indicated, we have recently been made aware that not all of this parcel is part of an easement that provides a right of way (approximately one mile) out to the Carriage Road along what was the old Narrow Gauge Railroad bed. As instructed, we sent a letter to the Penobscot Indian Nation, owner of the underlying land to determine if they would be willing to provide or sell an easement to the Town from this parcel back out to the Carriage Road. We have not yet heard back from PIN. There may also be another easement issue near the intersection of the Carriage Road that would need to be resolved. As we need to complete a Town Meeting Warrant the first part of next month, it has been suggested that we continue with the plan to put an Article in the Town Meeting Warrant to borrow \$150,000 to purchase this lot with the requirement that the Town secure easements (otherwise, the Town will not purchase the lot) that would allow clear access to this parcel. This could buy some time to determine if easements can be secured. Does the Board support this?

5. **DISCUSSION ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING SOME KIND OF CELL PHONE "REPEATER" IN THE VALLEY CENTER AREA THAT WOULD PROVIDE BETTER CELL PHONE RECEPTION:** A Carrabasset Valley resident has suggested that we contact a cell phone communications consultant. Selectmen Lloyd Cuttler has graciously agreed to help with some initial investigation.
6. **PROPOSED PURCHASE OF A NEW TOWN POLICE CAR:** Our current car is a 2012 GMC Terrain with a little over 80,000 miles. It has some "paint deterioration issues" but otherwise is in good shape. We asked for bids for a new police car and received two proposals from Heights Chevrolet in Farmington as outlined in the attached memo from our Police Chief. There currently (as of January 1st) is \$20,248 available in the Police Car Reserve Account. We have proposed to appropriate \$5,000 in this account in 2019.
7. **REVIEW THREE PROPOSALS RECEIVED FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES RELATED TO THE PROPOSED NEW "MOUNTAIN" FIRE STATION:** We have received three proposals to provide these services from H.E. Callahan Construction, Sheridan Construction and Bowman Constructor. As you know, at the March 2018 Town meeting the voters authorized the Selectmen to expend some of the New Fire Station Reserve Funds for "developing plans for a proposed building and site". The process is to interview and select which firm the Board wishes to hire. Part of the selected firm's proposal will be to get started with the Building Committee in further developing the concept plan and to eventually come up with a cost estimate for the project. While it is the intent to ask the Town for an additional \$60,000 to be placed into the Reserve (which would make \$250,000) at the March Town meeting we may or may not be ready for the Board to consider a special Town meeting later (May) in the year to ask the Town to vote to approve funding this project.

We will provide copies of these proposals at the meeting. What dates might work in the near future for the Board to meet to decide which firms to interview?

8. **DISCUSSION OF BUDGET/TOWN MEETING WARRANT RECOMMENDATIONS:** We are in the final stages of completing the Draft 2019 Town Budget and would like to discuss some items with the Board before finalizing the Draft which we would like to complete and provide to the Budget Committee on the 22nd for their meeting on January 28th. We have attached a preliminary copy of the Budget Message that contains most of the items we would like to discuss with the Board.
9. **TOWN OWNED STREET LIGHTS:** The Town currently pays for three street lights (at the intersection of Rt. 27 and Town Roads). We have had a request for the Town to install two street lights at the intersection of Rt. 27 and two private roads. The annual cost of street lights is approximately \$240/yr. (\$20/mo.) each. Do you wish to consider this in the budget or Town Meeting Warrant?

10. INFORMATIONAL:

- The Marijuana Business Regulation Committee will meet again at the Town Office at 6:00 p.m. February 5th and will be holding a Public Hearing at the Outdoor Center at 6:00 p.m. February 6th (see attached notice)
- The Tree Clearing/Logging Operation at the lower approximately 800' of the Narrow Gauge Pathway is scheduled to begin on Tuesday January 29th. See attached Notice that has been sent to media outlets. We have also posted signs in appropriate locations.

TOWN OF CARRABASSETT VALLEY
MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
January 7, 2019

Board Members Present: **Bob Luce** **Jay Reynolds**
 Karen Campbell **John Beaupre**
 Lloyd Cuttler

Others Present: **Dave Cota** **Neal Trask**
 Jess Beer **Chris Parks**

Bob Luce opened the meeting at 4:30 p.m. and welcomed those present.

Expense warrants #53, 55, 56 and 2 in the amount of \$96,384.61, \$9,2014.19, \$3,015.32 and \$152,740.70 respectively were reviewed and signed by Selectmen.

Payroll warrants #50, 52, 54 and 1 in the amount of \$28,493.58, \$19,350.73, \$13,018.69 and \$9,180.30 respectively were reviewed and signed by Selectmen.

The minutes from the December 17, 2018 meeting were review. Jay Reynolds made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Lloyd Cuttler seconded the motion. Motion approved as corrected.

Dave Cota provided a summary of the Town's expense and revenue accounts. Dave detailed the information and requested input on several items contained in the report. Additionally, Dave provided information to all with regard to balances in reserve funds.

In discussions on expenses, Dave Cota indicated he would like to see the Selectmen vote to transfer \$11,575 from Overlay to the Transfer Station Expense Account. This is to cover the actual costs associated with the repairs done there over this year. Jay Reynolds made a motion to authorize this transfer. Lloyd Cuttler seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Dave Cota provided information on the Town's debt service. Four of the loans will be expiring in 2020, which will free up funds that can be committed for other projects.

The Budget Committee will likely meet on January 28th and possibly on the 30th, if needed. Current committee members are all five Selectmen, John McCatherin, Steve Pierce, Brian Demshar, Dutch Demshar, Neal Trask, Paul Fritzson, Bob Briggs, Sam Punderson and Chris Parks. Where Chris is now a town employee, there is a vacancy on this committee.

Dave updated Selectmen on the Marijuana Business Regulation Committee. He has been working with Chris Parks, along with the town's Attorney, Amanda Meader to develop two related ordinances. The next committee meeting is on January 15th, and the Planning Board meets again on the 10th. The licensing ordinance and the amended zoning ordinances have been sent to Selectmen in redline format. These assume that the Town will vote to accept all four types of businesses, with the plan being to only allow for four businesses in total of any combination, with retail being weighted heaviest, combining medical and recreational. The Selectmen will need to determine whether or not to present these draft ordinances to the Town for a vote. Dave told the Committee that the Selectmen have decided to vote on this is in an

“Open” Town meeting format, whether it be in March or whenever it is determined that to be ready to be voted upon. The ordinances cannot be changed at a town meeting, so this is important to note, but there will be public hearings held in advance.

Dave Cota provided Selectmen with a map to illustrate the second phase of the Airport Clearing Project, which will begin later this month (likely right after Martin Luther King weekend), which will include land owned by the Penobscot Indian Nation (PIN); their contractor will be doing the cutting, which will take roughly two weeks, and they will only be working during the week. The Narrow Gauge will need to be closed during the week due to safety concerns. There will be a number of tall trees cut on both sides of the Pathway for approximately the first 600’ of the trail, though it’s hoped to minimize this to whatever extent possible. Dave hopes to make the least amount of visual impact possible. There will need to be notifications available to all users of the Narrow Gauge Trail, and Dave will be in contact with media to get those notifications published and signs will be placed at appropriate locations.

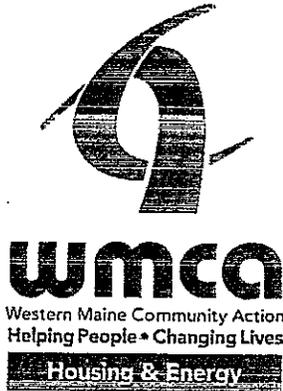
Informational:

The Marijuana Business Regulation Committee will meet on January 15th at 6pm at the Town Office.

Proposals for the Construction Management Services of the new Mountain Fire Station are due in by January 11th.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Schnorr



January 11, 2019

Dear Mr. Cota:

This letter is a request from the Franklin County Economic and Community Development Consortium to be included on the agenda of your upcoming Selectman's meeting. We would like to discuss recent cuts in the Franklin County budget to economic development and social service programs serving your community.

Franklin County has funded economic development and regional social service programs for over 35 years. Last year the County Commissioners, not Franklin County residents, decided to no longer fund these programs. They deleted funding to 5 programs and intend to phase out the remaining four over the next two years. These organizations have received up to \$300,000 in County funding collectively to serve the region. Your share of the cost of that part of the County Commissioners budget has ranged from \$24,000 to \$38,000 over the last ten years.

The County Commissioners have directed these programs to appeal to the towns to raise these dollars. We would like to meet with you to review what services your community has received in the past, what future services you perceive might be needed, and how to approach this dilemma that organizations and our communities are facing.

In March of last year tax payers at the Farmington town meeting passed two resolutions to address this issue. **Farmington will consider the resolutions again this year.** Enclosed are those resolutions for your consideration. We wonder if your town has any interest in pursuing a similar approach. We welcome the possibility that you may have other ideas and look forward to having a conversation about how we can tackle this opportunity together.

Sincerely,

William Crandall

Program Manager, WMCA Housing and Energy Services

Members of the Franklin County Economic and Community Development Consortium

Renee Whitley, Franklin County Children's Task Force

Charlie Woodbury, Franklin Economic Development Corporation

William Crandall, Western Maine Community Action

Meagan Davis, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services

Holly Zielinski, Seniors Plus

Charlie Woodworth, Greater Franklin Development Corp.

Glen Kapiloff, Franklin County Adult Basic Education

Rosetta White, Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District

Ken Albert, Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice

John Rosenwald, Community Member

Fen Fowler, Community Member

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Article to Support - Shall the Town vote to adopt the following Resolution.

Statement from the voters of Carrabassett Vally

Whereas Franklin County Commissioners have funded economic development and social services programs that serve the entire region for over 35 years, and

Whereas the Franklin County Commissioners have vowed to cut all funding to social services agencies and economic development programs over the next three years, and

Whereas Franklin County Commissioners have cut \$143,000 from the budget request of \$209,000 in 2017 and totally defunded 5 nonprofits, and

Whereas the Franklin County Commissioners plan to defund the remaining 4 nonprofits in the future, and

Whereas these organizations and their important services benefit the entire region and improve the quality of life for our residents,

Now Therefore, the Town of Carrabassett Vally requests that Franklin County restore funding to these organizations and continue the regional approach for these services.

TWENTY-FOURTH - Shall the Town vote to adopt the following Resolution.

Statement from the voters of Farmington on March 25, 2019

Whereas Franklin County Commissioners have funded economic development and social services programs that serve the entire region for over 35 years, and

Whereas the Franklin County Commissioners have vowed to cut all funding to social services agencies and economic development programs over the next three years, and

Whereas Franklin County Commissioners have cut \$143,000 from the budget request of \$209,000 in 2017, \$31,000 from the budget request of \$94,200 in 2018 and totally defunded 6 nonprofits, and

Whereas the Franklin County Commissioners plan to defund the remaining 3 nonprofits in the future, and

Whereas these organizations and their important services benefit the entire region and improve the quality of life for our residents,

Now Therefore, the Town of Farmington requests that Franklin County ~~reverse its policy of not funding these programs~~ restore funding to these organizations and continue the regional approach for these services.

TWENTY-FIFTH - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,998 for nonprofit economic development and social services agencies that are impacted by the cuts the Franklin County Commissioner made beginning in 2017.

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Town of Farmington for 35 years has funded social services and economic development through Franklin County Government. Franklin County Commissioners in 2017 reduced funding to social services and economic development by 70% or \$143,000 and an additional \$31,000 in 2018. This reduction eliminated funding to 6 nonprofits and reduced support to 3 others. The Town of Farmington's taxation by the County was reduced by \$17,998, as a result of these cuts. This Article asks if the Town wishes to continue support to these organizations for service rendered in Farmington in the same amount saved in 2017, \$17,998. The organizations agree to use this funding to support Farmington residents. The organizations recommend this funding be distributed proportional to the amount lost by each nonprofit.

Proposed Disbursement of Town Funding						
Breakdown	Total Avail FY17	Dept Req. FY18	Comm. Req. FY18	Amount Lost	% of Loss	Farmington Share
Franklin County Children's Task Force (FCCTF)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	5%	\$ 857.00
Franklin County Adult Basic Education	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	10%	\$ 1,714.00
Western Maine Transportation Services (WMTS)	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	3%	\$ 514.00
Western Maine Community Action Inc. (WMCA)	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	10%	\$ 1,714.00
Greater Franklin Development Council	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ -	\$ 42,000.00	40%	\$ 7,200.00
Seniors Plus	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	10%	\$ 1,714.00
Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Services (SAPARS)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	10%	\$ 1,714.00
Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice (AHCH)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 20,130.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	10%	\$ 1,714.00
Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	5%	\$ 857.00
	\$ 171,200.00	\$ 209,330.00	\$ 66,200.00	\$ 105,000.00	100%	\$ 17,998.00

	2018	2019
Amount Requested	\$18,000	\$17,998
Selectmen Recommended		17,998
Budget Committee Recommended		17,998
Town Meeting Approved	18,000	

CITY OF ROCKLAND MAINE

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #6

(As Amended 02/12/18)

IN CITY COUNCIL

February 12, 2018

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT Ban on Use of Single Use Carry Out Plastic Bags and Styrofoam Containers, and Fee for Paper Bags

THE CITY OF ROCKLAND HEREBY ORDAINS THAT CHAPTER 14, Sewer Drains and Solid Waste, ARTICLE I Municipal Solid Waste Facility, Collection and Recycling, BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

CHAPTER 14 Sewers, Drains & Solid Waste

ARTICLE I Municipal Solid Waste Facility, Collection, and Recycling

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Sec. 14-106 Ban on the use of Plastic Single-Use Carryout Shopping Bags

1. Purpose

It is in the best interests of the City of Rockland to protect the environment and our natural resources by prohibiting the distribution and use of disposable, single-use, carryout plastic bags, by discouraging the distribution and use of disposable, single-use, carryout paper bags, and by encouraging the use of reusable shopping bags.

The purpose of this Section is to:

- a. Reduce litter arising from single-use shopping bags.
- b. Reduce taxpayer expense to clean-up or manage litter.
- c. Reduce the environmental impact of their manufacture, transportation and disposal.
- d. Create an informed citizenry about the impact of plastic in the environment.
- e. Encourage a culture of sustainability and discourage one of disposability.

2. Authority

This Section is enacted under the Home Rule Authority of municipalities pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Maine, Article VIII, Part2, Section1, the provisions of Title 30-A M.R.S. Section 3001 et. seq. as well as the general powers of municipalities to enact other ordinances.

3. Words and Phrases Defined:

As used in this Section the following terms have the following meanings:

A. Plastic Single-Use Carryout Bag means a plastic bag other than a reusable bag, as defined below provided at the check stand, cash register, point of sale or other point of departure for purposes of transporting food, food related merchandise and all non-food related merchandise out of the Store. The term Plastic Single-Use Carryout Bag does not include reusable bags, produce bags or product bags.

B. Produce Bag or Product Bag means any bag without handles used exclusively to carry produce, meats, or other food items of merchandise to the point of sale inside a store or to prevent such items from coming in direct contact with other purchased items.

C. Single-use Carryout Paper Bag means a paper bag provided at the check stand, cash register, point of sale or other point of departure for purposes of transporting food, food related merchandise and all non-food related merchandise out of the Store.

D. Reusable bag means a bag that meets all of the following criteria:

(a) Designed and manufactured to withstand 50 repeated uses over a period of time;

(b) Is machine washable or, made from a material that can be cleaned and disinfected regularly;

(c) Is at least four mils thick, if made from plastic; and

(d) Has the capability of carrying a minimum of 18 pounds.

E. Store means all retail establishments, including but not limited to convenience stores, restaurants, sellers of merchandise and dry goods sold to the ultimate consumer for direct use or consumption and not for resale.

4. Restrictions on Single-Use Carryout Bags.

A. Except as provided below, no store as defined above shall provide a Plastic Single-Use Carryout Bag to a customer at a checkout stand, cash register, point-of-sale or other point of departure for the purpose of transporting any goods or merchandise out of the establishment.

B. A store may make available for sale to a customer a Single-use Carryout Paper Bag for a mandatory minimum charge of five cents (\$0.05) per bag. The charge will increase to ten cents (\$0.10) per bag one year after the effective date of this Section. The charge will increase to fifteen cents (\$0.15) per bag two years after the effective date of this Section.

C. All monies collected by a Store for Single-Use Carryout Paper Bags under this Section shall be retained by the Store and used by the Store for any lawful purpose.

D. All Stores shall post signage at each point of sale clearly indicating the per bag charge for Single-Use Carryout Paper Bags. This requirement shall not apply to restaurants.

E. Notwithstanding this section, no Store may make available for sale a Single-Use Carryout Paper Bag unless the amount of the sale of the Single-Use Carryout Paper Bag is separately itemized on the sale receipt.

F. No store shall rebate or otherwise reimburse a customer any portion of the minimum charge for any Single-Use Carryout Paper Bag.

G. Customers are encouraged to bring Reusable Bags to Stores, which may choose to provide a rebate for such.

5. Violations and Enforcement

The City Manager or designee(s) shall have the primary responsibility for the enforcement of this Section. If the City Manager or designee(s) determines that a violation of this Section has occurred, the City Manager or designee shall issue a written warning notice to the Store that the violation has occurred and request compliance with this Section. Subsequent violations of this Section shall be subject to the legal fees and penalties set forth in Sec. 14-115.

6. Permitted Bags

Nothing in this Article shall be construed to prohibit customers from using bags of any type that the customer brings into the Store for their own use or from carrying away the store goods that are not placed in a bag provided by the store.

Sec. 14-107 Ban on use of Expanded Polystyrene Foam for all takeout food and beverage businesses.

1. Purpose

It is in the best interests of the City of Rockland to protect the environment and our natural resources by discouraging the distribution and use of disposable, Expanded Polystyrene Foam cups, bowls, plates, and food containers and to encourage use of other biodegradable food containers associated with all take out foods. Expanded Polystyrene Foam packaging has harsh environmental impacts on a local and global scale, including greenhouse gas emissions, litter, harm to wildlife, and solid waste generation

The purpose of this Section is to:

- a. Reduce litter arising from Expanded Polystyrene Foam.
- b. Reduce taxpayer expense to clean-up or manage litter.
- c. Reduce the environmental impact of their manufacture, transportation and disposal.
- d. Create an informed citizenry about the impact of Expanded Polystyrene Foam in the environment.
- e. Encourage a culture of sustainability and discourage one of disposability.

2. Authority

This Section is enacted under the Home Rule Authority of municipalities pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Maine, Article VIII, Part2, Section1, the provisions of Title 30-A M.R.S. Section 3001 et. Seq, as well as the general powers of municipalities to enact other ordinances.

3. Words and Phrases Defined:

As used in this Section the following terms have the following meanings:

- a. Expanded Polystyrene Foam container means any container that is made of Expanded Polystyrene Foam and used to package either food or beverage for onsite or offsite consumption. It does not include Expanded Polystyrene Foam meat trays used to transport raw and/or uncured meats, poultry and fish from all Stores.
- b. Store means all retail establishments, including but not limited to convenience stores, restaurants, sellers of food merchandise sold to the ultimate consumer for direct use or consumption and not for resale.

4. Restrictions on Takeout Food and Beverage Containers.

No store as defined above shall sell, give or provide an Expanded Polystyrene Foam food container to a customer.

5. Violations and Enforcement

The City Manager or designee(s) shall have the primary responsibility for the enforcement of this Section. If the City Manager or designee(s) determines that a violation of this section has occurred, he/she shall issue a written warning Notice to the Store that the violation has occurred and request compliance with this Section within 7 days of the date of the Notice. Subsequent violations of this Section after an initial warning Notice shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Sec. 14-115

6. Permitted Expanded Polystyrene Foam

Nothing in this Section shall be construed to prohibit customers from using containers of any type that the customer owns and brings into the Store for their own use in carrying away food or beverage from the Store.

7. Effective Date.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective January 1, 2019.

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Sec. 14-113 115 Fees; Enforcement; Violations; Penalties

The City Council shall establish appropriate fees for disposals and other uses of the Rockland Solid Waste Facility, and penalties for violations of this Article.

Rockland Solid Waste Facility Attendants shall enforce the provisions of this Ordinance including, without limitation, by verifying each user's permission to use the Facility, inspecting materials received at the Facility and their placement at the proper location and/or in the proper receptacle, ensuring that applicable permit, disposal, and/or processing fees, if any, have been paid, and by directing the handling and placement of all materials.

There shall be a penalty for a person's failure to separate recyclable from wastes, which shall be imposed by the Director on the person or business that brought the unseparated waste to the Facility for disposal. Such violator may appeal the Director's finding of the violation and/or imposition of a penalty to City Manager, whose decision shall constitute the final administrative decision in the matter.

Whoever violates any other provision of this Article shall be subject to the suspension or revocation of his permit and/or right to use the Rockland Solid Waste Facility; fines, penalties, and other remedies under applicable law; and/or a fine of not more than one thousand (\$1,000) per violation to be recovered, on complaint, to the use of the City of Rockland.

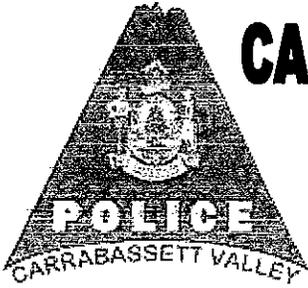
Whoever violates the provisions of Sec. 14-106 or Sec. 14-107 specifically, shall be punishable by penalties and reimbursement of legal fees and costs as follows:

- (i) A penalty not exceeding \$100 for the first violation in a one year period;
- (ii) A penalty not exceeding \$250 for the second and each subsequent violation in a one year period; and
- (iii) Reimbursement of the City's legal fees and costs for prosecution of each violation.

The City Council may, from time to time, establish further administrative requirements by Order relating to the disposal of solid waste at the Rockland Solid Waste Facility.

[Re-Number Article I Appropriately]

Sponsor: Councilor Glaser
Originator: Councilor Glaser



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Dave Cota

I have received two prices for a new police vehicle for CVPD.

The first is a 2019 GMC Terrain SLE priced at 26193.00 less trade in 4800.00

Total 21393.00

The second is a 2019 Chevrolet Equinox LE priced at 24430.00 less trade in 4800.00

Total 19630.00

Both vehicles are white in color and come with full warranties.

Chief Mark Lopez

BUDGET MESSAGE AND NOTES TO THE DRAFT PROPOSED TOWN OF CARRABASSETT VALLEY 2019 BUDGET

The total appropriation request in the draft 2019 Municipal Budget as presented is \$2,637,499 which is \$64,878 or approximately 2.5% higher than last year. The Net Municipal Budget (appropriations minus revenues) is \$2,102,299 which is \$18,482 lower than last year.

SOME SIGNIFICANT HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DRAFT BUDGET:

Some of the more significant highlights of the draft budget for consideration by the Budget Committee are as follows (these are somewhat in the order you will see them in the Detailed Budget):

Proposed General Government Salary Increases: We have increased the hours of the part-time Treasurer from three days a week to four (estimated increase of \$8,500) and the Board of Selectmen increased the Town Manager's Salary from \$78,236 to \$85,192 or an increase of \$6,956 (\$5,000 of which was a "merit increase"). Total General Government Salaries is proposed to increase by \$14,882.

With regard to Salaries for the Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) and the Assessor, we have budgeted \$53,600 for the CEO position (Chris) this year (that is based on increased incentives for completing certifications) and we have budgeted \$30,700 for the part-time Assessor's Position (Bill) which is based on a daily rate that will approximately go through July when Bill is retiring. If all goes well, we expect to go back to a combined CEO and Assessor's position in 2020.

We are proposing to appropriate \$1,000 for the Town's surface water management plan (down from \$10,000) as we complete this five-year project.

There is a request for \$60,000 (same as last year) for the "Mountain Fire Station" Reserve. This would bring the amount of this Reserve to \$250,000. The Selectmen were given authorization at the March 2018 Town meeting to "expend some of these funds for developing plans for a proposed building and site". The Board has started that process by going through a selection process to hire a construction management firm to assist with pre-construction plans and building the project (for a not to exceed price). The rough estimate for the project is \$1M however, a much better cost estimate needs to be developed and that will likely not happen prior to the March Town meeting. The Board has asked for another reserve appropriation this year (\$60,000) and to let the voters know that there may be a request later (mouth of May?) for borrowing funds to move ahead with a project in 2019.

AGC Operating Budget: (Increase from \$206,726 to \$216,982 or \$10,256). We miscalculated the heating fuel account last year by about \$7,000.

Narrow Gauge Pathway Maintenance and Repair: Decrease in this budget account from \$36,750 to \$5,000 (decrease of \$31,750) as we had anticipated the possibility of some extensive leftover repairs after the late fall flood of 2017 (emergency repairs were made in December of 2017 with snow on the ground). We did repair the lower end of the trail and we also replaced the deck on the Munzer Recreational Bridge. There is a request for a "carry forward" balance of \$21,498. We could eliminate the \$5,000 appropriation request if necessary.

Please note under Acct. # 55-1-430 Airport Fuel Farm Fuel, there is a deficit of \$16,757. We intentionally do not appropriate funding for the fuel costs for both tanks as over the course of a few years the net operating revenues will pay for the fuel so this deficit amount will be "carried forward" each year.

Road Accounts: There is a decrease in the request for the road accounts from \$84,250 to \$73,750. Our two-year plowing bids came in lower than in the past and we had a one-time 2018 \$5,000 expenditure on the Huston Brook Road extension (working with the Penobscot Indian Nation (PIN) we had agreed to helping out with fixing that section of road from where the houses end to the Huston Brook Falls (this was part of the Airport Clearing Project that will commence on January 22nd and in recognition of public use of that road to get to the Huston Brook Falls, etc. (much like our agreement with PIN to maintain the Carriage Road (only much less maintenance).

Transfer Station: This is a significant increase in this budget request from \$206,500 to \$239,600 or an increase of \$33,100. We made some extensive structural repairs to the transfer station building in 2018. We need to expend an additional approximate \$12,000 to complete the siding work and to rebuild the retaining wall fencing on both sides of the front of the building in 2019. In addition, we are considering building a structure with a retaining wall (similar to the one at the Kingfield Transfer Station) that would allow people to deposit all demolition materials down into the 40 yd demo canister as opposed to trying to "throw into it". This on its own would be easier to use for customers and would somewhat allow the canister to be more fully loaded which would reduce transportation costs. We have budgeted \$25,000 for this project but until we look at this with some engineering assistance, we are not positively sure of the estimated costs. We have also budgeted \$15,000 for a reserve to purchase a used backhoe. We have been told that the price range for a decent used 4 WD backhoe in the range of \$45,000. If we were to complete the berm project along with also purchasing a good used backhoe to push up burn piles and to help compact the demo canister this could bring considerable savings in transportation costs. An alternative to purchasing a used backhoe is to continue to contract that service out. It is costing us approximately \$4,500/yr. to push up the burn piles.

Salaries: Are outlined on page _____. The Board of Selectmen agreed to increase salaries for the five full time employees by \$1,956 and part-time employees by 2.5%. Some part-time employees receive more than a 2.5% increase to reflect the \$1 hourly increase in the State minimum wage law.

With regard to Account #99-1-925 (30% of Cable TV Revenues to WSKI) and Revenues from Cable TV Franchise Fees (see Account #99-1020 in Revenues on page 20) we only received ½ of franchise fees in our 2018 fiscal (calendar) year as the new “Charter” Company will now pay once a year as opposed to past practice by Time-Warner to pay twice a year. We will see a full year’s payment in March this year.

Golf Course Reserve Fund: Sugarloaf wishes to increase their annual contribution to Golf Course Reserve from \$5,000 to \$10,000 which the Town matches every year. As of January 1st, there is \$74,000 in this Reserve.

Town Signs: We budgeted \$7,500 in the Town Signs Account knowing that its not long before we have to replace one of the two Town entrance signs. This could be taken out of the budget if necessary, this year.

F.E.M.A. Funding for New Campbell Field Bridge and for Repair of the Narrow Gauge Pathway from the late October 2017 Flood: As you know, the bridge project was completed. The account balance right now is -\$201,221. We will be receiving \$181,652 in FEMA and State Funding to offset all but \$19,549 of this balance. The remaining balance will come from Surplus. In addition, we will be receiving \$66,360 in FEMA and State funding for the repairs the Narrow Gauge Pathway. The Selectmen are requesting that this funding (\$66,360) be placed into a new Narrow Gauge Pathway Reserve for future repairs.

Mountain Bike Trail Maintenance and Development: A partnership endeavor, you can review proposed funding on page _____. A signage project is currently being proposed and will probably be a two-year project. The Committee will finalize plans with the partners in the next few months.

CAPITAL PROJECTS:

There are three significant projects that will be voted upon at the March Town Meeting:

- The proposed expansion and improvement of the Information Center (\$142,000),
- The possible purchase of the so called “Ted Jones Lot” (\$150,000) and
- The proposed construction of an expansion of the Town Park Pavilion Building and constructing a Recreation Department Storage Building (budgeted \$80,000 combined project)

None of these projects would impact the Town’s 2019 budget as, if approved, the first two projects would be funded (bond borrowing) in the fall of 2019 and payments would start in 2020 and the third project is proposed to be funded from Town Unappropriated Funds. If the first two projects are approved and both move forward the annual debt service payments for both projects combined will be approximately \$25,000 based on a 15-year note. In 2020, the Town’s 20-year note that purchased the 1203-acre State Lot (now part of the Town’s Public Lot) back in the year 2000 will be paid off. If approved, there would be overlapping debt for one year in 2020 for both of these projects and the final payment of the State Land purchase note.

Potential for funding the proposed new "Mountain Fire Station". There is the possibility for a request for funding for this project at a Special Town meeting that may be called in May or early summer. Over the past three years, the Town has voted to approve a total of \$190,000 for this project. We are requesting \$60,000 in this year's budget which would bring the total approved funding to \$250,000. While we do know what the cost of this project will be, the "best guess" at this time is \$1M which would necessitate the borrowing of approximately \$750,000 with a 15-year note. If \$750,000 is approved for borrowing for this project the annual debt service payment for a 15-year note will be in the range of \$55,000 a year. These payments would not start until 2020. The annual payment would be less than the annual amount the Town has been placing in this reserve over the past three years.

REVENUES: Proposed Revenues are outlined on page _____. We are proposing to use \$360,200 in Revenues against the Tax Commitment compared to \$351,840 last year. In addition, we are proposing to use \$175,000 in Unappropriated Surplus compared to \$100,000 last year against the Tax Commitment. Our Town Surplus is in good shape (almost \$1.4M at the end of 2017) and we are waiting for completion of the 2018 Audit that will give us the that amount for the 2018 We expect to see a similar amount or more for the 2018 fiscal year. We essentially proposed increasing the amount of Surplus to be used against the Tax Commitment (increase of \$75,000) to pay for the project (above) to expand the size of the Pavilion and construct a Recreation Storage Building (budgeted \$80,000).

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

"Carry Forward Account Balances" on pages _____. Please review

Matching Funding Requests from the Town's Recreational Endowment Fund: Please see page _____. There is currently approximately (subject to audit) \$351,000 in this reserve. However, \$75,000 is obligated from this account to match funds from the J.V. Wing Snowmobile Club to purchase a new trail groomer in the near future. We are recommending expending \$43,191 from this fund in 2019 and appropriating \$40,000. As has been the case in the last few years, we are also recommending that land lease fees of approximately \$12,500 from the Cell Tower at the Transfer Station site be placed into this fund.

Reserve and Trust Account Balances: Please see estimated balances (subject to change by the Town's Auditor) on page _____.

With regard to the School Budget which will not be voted on until May, there is an anticipated increase in expenditures of approximately from \$833,644 to \$987,552 or \$154,000 due to an increase in the number of students we now tuition. However, due to the use of School Surplus funds to reduce their budget and to the difference in fiscal years between the Town and the School we anticipate the Net School Budget for the Town's 2019 fiscal year to increase from \$561,730 to \$585,027 or \$23,297.

With respect to the Town's share of the Franklin County Budget to increase substantially as it has in the last several years by approximately \$53,000 to \$785,000. This is due to the Town of Jay's State Valuation significantly decreasing and our Town's State Valuation increasing proportionately more than the other Towns in Franklin County (CV is now the highest valued Town in the County as per State Valuation Calculations).

With respect to the Town's overall Property Tax Rate unless something changes, we do not anticipate an increase in the Mil (Tax) Rate. Going forward this may be more difficult to do.

Town of Carrabassett Public Hearing
6:00 p.m. February 6th, 2019 at the Sugarloaf Outdoor Center
Regarding Potential Ordinances for Regulation of Marijuana Businesses in
Carrabassett Valley

The Town of Carrabassett Valley is holding a public hearing at the above time and place to hear public comments on potential *Town Ordinances to regulate Marijuana Businesses in the Town*. The Town's Marijuana Business Ordinance Committee has held several committee meetings and a previous public hearing and is continuing the public process of developing recommendations to the Board of Selectmen as to what, if any, types of marijuana businesses should be allowed in the community and what regulations should be in place to allow them. This public hearing is part of that on-going process. At some point in the 2019, the Board of Selectmen may call a Town Meeting for the voters of the Town to vote on whether or not to pass ordinances that would allow *Marijuana Businesses in Carrabassett Valley*.

A copy of the current Draft Licensing Ordinance and copy of the current Draft Amendments to the Town's Zoning Ordinance can be viewed on the Town's website (). It is important to note that these draft ordinances are only current versions and the Committee will make final recommendations to the Selectmen based on additional public input. Interested Carrabassett Valley citizens or property taxpayers are encouraged to attend this public hearing.

Notice Regarding Use of the Narrow Gauge Pathway from January 22nd through February 8th.

Approximately 800' of the Lower Portion of the Narrow Gauge Pathway in Carrabassett Valley will be **closed on weekdays from January 22th through February 8th** due to a tree harvesting project. This section of trail will remain open on weekends. Specifically, this trail section is located from the Recreational Bridge near the Airport Trail Head north approximately 800'. Signs will be posted in the immediate area and at both the Airport and Campbell Field Trailheads and removed when work is completed.

Updates to this time schedule will be posted on the Town of Carrabassett Valley website () and the Carrabassett Valley Mountain Bike Club website (www.carrabassettnemba.org). Questions may be directed to the Carrabassett Valley Town Office at 235-2645.