

Minutes of the Special Select Board Meeting, November 3, 2017

Howard Bronstein, Winton Pitcoff and Leslie Rule were present. The meeting was called to order at 4:30. Lew Robbins, Finance Committee Chair was also present to discuss the only agenda item, planning his presentation for the All Boards Meeting on Nov. 7.

Lew explained that he was looking for a final budget that will be supported by Finance Committee, Select Board and other committees. He will explain that we will ask boards, committees and department for data based on their realistic and more accurate spending experience.

We all agreed that guidelines for salaries including COLA adjustments and data on local pay rates and expectations would wait for our Community Compact Grant. We hope to generate useful Human Resource materials with state help through the grant that will supply missing data.

Select Board accepted assignments in specific areas to assist in budget prep: Howard, Police, Fire & Highway; Winton, General Government; Leslie, Schools.

Lew also said he would introduce planning for capitol expenditures in 4 categories: vehicles, buildings, equipment, and Broad Band. To look at 1 year, 5 year, 10 years spending makes sense. To start, we will look at building an inventory this year and creating a replacement matrix.

We discussed the definitions of the available funds for town spending and Paula and HB promised to prepare a handout with current definitions and regulations for these funds.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:19

Respectfully submitted,
Howard Bronstein, Select Board