



Annotated Agenda

January 05, 2015

4. Annual Visits and Budget Requests – Carpenter-Carse Library; Agency Request Review Committee; Economic Development Committee; Lake Iroquois Recreation District; and CCTA.

Guests: (1) Sue Barden (Carpenter-Carse Library);
(2) Kate Dodge (ARRC);
(3) Melissa Levy (Economic Development Committee);
(4) Karen Walton, Executive Director, CCTA.

Enclosures: (1) FY14 Revenues and Expenditures for the library
(2) ARRC materials (recommendations for funding and a year end report)
(3) CCTA FY16 assessment letter

The item included for the library is what is available at the present time. In talking with Sue, it sounds as though the number used in our draft budget (3.2% increase, based on recent trends) will be close to what will be presented Monday night. If more materials are made available prior to Monday night, we will stick them in Dropbox and send a link.

The ARRC has both its recommendations on funding and a year-end report for your perusal.

The Economic Development Committee is requesting \$1,000 for its activities in FY16. Melissa will be on hand to explain more.

Karen Walton, the new CCTA executive director will be joining us as well. The assessment letter.

We have reached out to the chair of the Lake Iroquois Recreation District (Bruce Hoar, Williston) and Hinesburg's representative (Michelle Fischer). There is no change in the budget request from the current fiscal year (\$600).

No action is anticipated.

5. FY16 Budget – Discuss outcomes, priorities, etc. for deliberative sessions.

Guests: (1) None

Enclosures: (1) Memo re FY16 budget "scenarios"

- (2) Most recent version of the proposed FY16 budget
- (3) FY16 proposed revenues (with reappraisal funds)

The memo shows different budget, “scenarios,” and the impact (in the aggregate) on spending and the tax rate. Each penny on the tax rate, after accounting for the projected 1% growth in the grand list, raises slightly more than \$52,000. There is no fund balance use (to lower the tax rate) in any of these scenarios/projections. The discussion is scheduled for 30 minutes, but given that there is not much after it on the agenda it can run as long as Board members feel is necessary and appropriate.

The draft FY16 budget does include capital transfer numbers from the latest draft of the capital budget (FY16-FY20), though those may still change some as the draft is further refined. A full five-year capital plan will be available for the deliberative sessions on the budget (beginning on January 12th). I can speak to the latest version of both in more detail on Monday.

New materials will be added to the FY16 budget folder and/or the meeting folder in Dropbox as they are finalized.

No action is anticipated.

8. Town Administrator’s Report

- a. **Water Supply and Treatment Project** – The Board will likely be asked to authorize the Town’s application for funding for the water supply and treatment project on the 12th. At the same time, we may want to consider selecting a specific bond counsel for the process for moving forward. In the past the Town has utilized the services of Paul Giuliani.
- b. **Storm damage/cleanup update** – The Town submitted its preliminary estimates to Vermont Emergency Management prior to the holiday break. Much of the \$65,000 estimate is tied to hiring Teachers Tree Service (nearly 2/3 of the total estimate) to assist with the tree damage. Teachers has been working in Huntington performing similar work.
- c. **Water/Wastewater Operator** – The Town has hired Art Garrison to be its new water/wastewater operator. Art comes to us with experience in the municipal water/wastewater “business,” including a lengthy stint in Milton. Art’s first day is January 12th.
- d. **RSG/CCRPC Sidewalk Scoping Study** – The latest scoping study for Hinesburg has arrived. The study, and its appendices, is available in Dropbox. An email from Alex on the study will be forwarded separately (technical issues).