

Town of Litchfield

Selectmen’s Meeting

January 13, 2011

Members present: Frank A. Byron, Chairman
Steven D. Perry, Vice Chairman
M. Patricia Jewett
John R. Brunelle
George Lambert

Also present: Jason Hoch, Town Administrator

Meeting held following Budget Hearing at Campbell High School approximately 9 p.m.

The Board discussed potential changes to article 4 regarding the Highway Block Grant. Budget Committee member Bill Spencer had recommended an adjustment to wording distributed in an e-mail earlier in the week.

Discussion focused on the Board’s ability to spend the money on road projects and a concern about this spending being removed in a future year by the Budget Committee and Block Grant Funds being used to offset Highway Department operations costs.

Town Administrator Hoch explained that another concern he had this year was if it was incorporated in the operating budget without any action by Town Meeting, the funds could not be included in the default budget which would set up a \$190,000 gap between proposed and default budgets before any other actions were taken.

It was the sense of the Board that the language changes suggested would clarify the intent to use the Block Grant Funds for road repair projects in the operating budget.

Motion by Chairman Byron to amend Article 4 to read:
Shall Town include as part of the regular operating budget annually, road and drainage improvement projects that will be funded with the annual NHDOT Highway Block Grant money? This is an advisory warrant article.

Seconded by John Brunelle. Vote (5-0-0) in the affirmative.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 p.m.

Frank A. Byron, Chairman

Steven D. Perry, V. Chairman

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