



**Town of Berlin
Municipal Office Building
108 Shed Road**

**Berlin, VT. 05602
Regular Select Board Meetings
1st & 3rd Monday of Each Month**

Wednesday, January 14, 2015

5:30 PM

Selectboard Members: Ture Nelson, Chair; Roberta Haskin, Vice Chair, Jeremy Hansen, Secretary, Brad Towne and Pete Kelley. Town Administrator, Dana Hadley, Treasurer, Diane Isabelle, Assistant Town Clerk, Corinne Stridsberg

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Credit Card Authorization

The Board discussed the credit card authorization that needs to be signed and approved by the Board. The Chairman recused himself from the discussion due to a conflict of interest. The credit card is needed in order to subscribe to the service offered by Amazon for data storage.

Motion: Hansen to sign the authorization and authorize Diane Isabelle, Treasurer to obtain a visa credit card from Green Mountain Credit Union with a limit of no more than \$2,500. Seconded by Haskin.

Vote in the affirmative

Chairman Nelson abstained from the vote due to conflict of interest.

Corinne Stridsberg left the meeting after notarizing signatures on the authorization.

FY'16 Budget

The Board continued review of the FY'16 budget

Chairman Nelson questioned the appropriation for the Ambulance Service. The figure on that line is \$85,710 which is a significant increase from the prior year. In review of the agreement with Barre town he noted that the assessment is based on 7/8 of the population which would calculate to \$72,700. This amount combined with the ambulance service from Northfield would change that line to \$75,600. With this change the overall operating budget would be \$2,612,198.

Other Changes made were:

Account	Proposed Appropriation	Amount of Change	New Proposed Appropriation
<i>Reductions</i>			
Administration-Clerk Training	1500	300	1200
Assessing-Legal Expense	1000	500	500
Insurance-HDHP	2000	1000	1000
DRB-Wages Secretary	5000	500	4500
Administration-Software Sup	4500	1000	3500
Taxes&Assessments- Ambulance	85710	10110	75600
Town Offices-Heat&Utilities	24600	15000	9600
Police-HDHP	16000	8000	8000
Highway-Other-HDHP	4750	2350	2400
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<i>Additions</i>			
Capital Budget-Water Connection	0	10000	10000

The total proposed budget after adjustments is \$2,593,548 which represents a 2.6% increase from FY'15

For the Select Board:

Dana I. Hadley, Town Administrator