



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

**Berlin, VT. 05602
Budget Workshop**

**Thursday, November 29, 2018
5:15 PM**

Selectboard Members: Bradley Towne, Chair; Jeremy Hansen, Vice Chair; Wayne Lamberton, Secretary; Pete Kelley and Angelina Capron. Present: Dana Hadley, Town Administrator; Diane Isabelle, Town Treasurer. All items are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

APPROVED MINUTES

Selectboard Member Capron absent

Call Meeting to Order

Towne called the meeting to order.

Additions of Changes to the agenda

No changes

Tim Davis-Highway Budget Proposal

Tim Davis, the highway superintendent was in and presented his proposed FY'20 Budget. This budget contained a proposed wage increase for staff of 2%. The budget includes estimated increases for the Vermont Retirement System as well as health insurance.

He proposed a \$5,000 increase for both sand and salt due to expected cost increases. He spoke of the need to repair a section of guard rails on Crosstown Road that accounts for the increase requested in the guard rail line. The department is not requesting new equipment in FY'20. There was discussion in regard to the damaged excavator. The Board directed the Town Administrator to put out a bid for an excavator. Depending on costs and financing plans that could affect the FY'20 budget. The budget proposal shows a total net increase of \$46,122 from FY'19.

Bill Wolfe and Chad Bassette-Police Department

The Police Department budget was presented by Chief Wolfe and Sgt. Bassette. Wage increases as mandated by the Police Union Contract and associated costs, as well as expected increases from Vermont Retirement System and health insurance. There are other minor increases in the Media/Data line, the training line and Gas/Oil. The budget proposal shows a total net increase of \$58,495.

Hansen moved to adjourn. Seconded by Kelley. Passed unanimously.

For the Select Board:

Dana Hadley