

## **SELECTBOARD - Minutes:** Thursday, January 11, 2018 8:00 AM

Attendance: Tom Dibble, John Ogden, Andrea Ogden, Greg Eckhardt, Chrystal Cleary, Jeff Cleary, Steve Hall

Call to order: 8:07 AM

1. Last meeting's minutes were approved
2. School director Jeff Cleary reports that the Taconic and Green School District passed a \$32 million dollar budget, which represents a 6¢ increase to our homestead tax rate vs the 9¢ statewide. In 4 years the incentives of our school redistricting will expire.

The District is looking at consolidating Transportation, Food Service and Building and Grounds and will be hiring Directors for each of those. District-wide equity of course offerings is still a few years away, esp regarding middle school languages, algebra.

February 27th at MEMS there will a public information session hear and ask about the budget which was approved by the Board. There is a school ballot vote at Town Hall on March 6th on the question of approval for the annual budget. School District annual reports will not be mailed, but will be available to the public at post offices, Town Halls, and the schools themselves.

At Town Meeting, March 5th, we still have to elect a School Director for a three month term, just to close out the Mountain Towns RED with the school year.

3. Treasurer Andrea Ogden delivered a Delinquent Tax Update on 4 properties, none are up for tax sale this year.

Some cash has gone missing from the dog license and copier cash again. The clerk and treasurer have instituted some policies to make the cash less accessible: locking the box and checks in a new location, offering to accept credit card payment, and the Selectboard approved the establishment of a bank account at People's Bank for convenient frequent cash deposits

4. The Selectboard review the Budget as proposed by the Treasurer for publication in the Town Report.

5. The Selectboard re-appointed all of the one-year term officers for 2018, leaving only the expiring term members of the Planning Commission to be resolved.

6. Pay Orders were approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Chrystal Cleary, Town Clerk