

SELECTBOARD REPORT – FY 2016

George Morehouse, Chairman

The Concord Selectboard held regular monthly meetings on the 1st Tuesday of each month. Reports were received and discussed with elected and appointed officials along with dealing with a variety of issues requiring Board attention and/or action. Citizen concerns were frequently received and responded to, and we encourage public participation at our meetings. Special Meetings were held when necessary and Budget Meetings were held in November, December and January to fund the financial needs and requirements for all Town Departments for the 2018 Budget Year.

Selectboard members are George Morehouse – Chairman, Chris Fournier – Vice-Chairman, Bill Humphrey, Harold Lunnie and Mike Sorrell. Administrative Assistant, Susan LaMadeleine continues to provide support to the board and highway department working three days per week.

Several scheduled projects were either completed or will be in 2017. Building up-grades were completed as noted:

- New energy efficient interior lights were installed at the highway garage.
- Chimneys at the Municipal and Town Clerk/Library buildings were repaired with stainless steel liners to correct deteriorating conditions.
- New siding was installed on the front and rear portions of the Municipal Building.

Projects scheduled for 2018 include an extension of School Street to Prospect Street for accessibility and safety concerns. Better Roads Grants dealing with drainage and erosion issues will be ongoing.

2018 BUDGET

Throughout the preparation of this Budget, the Board has been mindful of the needs of the Town in spite of the escalating costs of conducting our business, many of which are beyond our control. We feel the increases, where applicable, are necessary to continue to provide the services we all expect. **This year's Budget increase is \$14,933.00 or 2% above 2017.**

2017 TOWN MEETING WARNING

Article #3 “Grader Replacement”

The Town's Grader is thirteen (13) years old with over nine thousand (9,000) hours and has an estimated trade in value of \$75,000.00. The Selectboard recommends it be replaced during the 2018 Budget Year at a cost not to exceed \$275,000.00.

Article #5 “Eliminate Lister position and replace with an assessor”

Due to the unfortunate death of Lorain Rainey the Town of Concord lost our lead Lister who held the position for over thirty-three (33) years. Inasmuch as it is impossible to replace this knowledge and experience, the Selectboard suggests the Town hire an assessor who will handle all functions of this office.

CONCLUSION

The Selectboard wishes to THANK all elected and appointed officials, employees and all the volunteers for their service, contributions and dedication to the Town of Concord. Working together with the support of all of our citizens/taxpayers we can continue to benefit the Town. We welcome and encourage participation at our meetings which are the first Tuesday of each month at 6 PM.