

Budget Committee Meeting Minutes from 12/15/16, 6:30pm

Attendance: Pat Clark, Antonio Avila, Alicia McCormick, Lucia Picard, Aimee Dorval, Andy Reed, Tabatha Littlefield

Andy Reed opened the meeting.

Tabatha gave a brief review of the previous meeting on May 19, 2016.

The committee continued conversation on curbside pick-up of recycling. We are still waiting for answers from Selectmen on whether we would be able to drop or back out of our curbside agreement based on multiple complaints that people's recycling wasn't picked up when it should have been. We are also waiting for further research from Selectmen on alternative waste disposal/recycling options.

Tony Avila reported that all but two of the roads that were to be paved had been completed. Some culverts and guard rails are still waiting to be replaced or completed. The committee discussed concerns about the recent paving that was done including engineer costs, culverts, and quality of paving that the town received from the contractors that completed it.

Tony was asked to report on the progress of the sidewalks. No contractor has yet been chosen for this task.

Regarding heat pump installation for the Unity Town Office building, Tony reported that a company in Albion had been selected to install the pumps. He was unsure when this would take place. Andy commented that "the sooner the better" as it would save the town money on heating this building.

Low funds have slowed progress on a storage building for the town. They are likely planning to use Mt. View Tech for this purpose.

The floor was opened for further comments or topics for discussion. It was strongly requested that all three Selectmen be present for our next committee meeting to answer our questions. We want Penny to bring us info on sidewalks, curbside pick-up, and recycling. We want Emily to bring the spreadsheet and report to us on the details of the roads project.

Our next meeting was set for January 19th, at 6:30pm.

Andy Reed later changed that date to January 26th, at 6:30pm, following an Economic Development Meeting on the 19th.