

DPW Commissioner Meeting
Tuesday, March 24, 2015

A meeting of the DPW Commissioners was held at the 3/24/15 Board of Selectmen meeting at 7:30pm on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 in Conference Room A in Town Hall. Chairman Sena, Commissioner Gardner and Director Parisi were present, Commissioner Reed was not present.

8:15 Discussion Item – FY '16 Budget

The current budget status was reviewed.

- The new highway position in the DPW was eliminated (\$37,000 plus benefits),
- DPW has cuts of \$30,000, they consist of \$3.00 for gas and diesel and several senior employees retired and their replacements will be at lower cost,
- DPW seasonal help was level funded from last year, and level funded cemetery help from last year. DPW voted for increased parking and transfer station fees that increased revenue. Half of the cemetery help was reinstated,
- Single stream costs were absorbed by sticker fee increases,
- J. Gardner spoke about the DPW seasonal help and said this is an efficient way to get the work done; it's less expensive than full time help. He said the crew has been working incredibly hard, there is much clean-up and fixing to do due to the snow. P. Sena stated that overtime costs will be higher if we don't hire the additional highway person. This crew is desperate for some help. He said if the streets continue to look like they do currently we won't be attracting people to Rockport. P. Sena, said if we don't hire the new highway employee, overtime costs will be increased. Selectperson Lucas inquired if there is an analysis available on that. She said it would be good to see what overtime costs could be eliminated by hiring this additional position. J. Parisi said he would like an opportunity to make an analysis on this. The Town Administrator said Director Parisi has already provided her with some funds that could be moved. P. Sena said there is extra work that is requested by town committees that amounts to approximately two months of labor; it was about 50 projects (abandoned properties, etc.). Chairperson Wilkinson said the DPW is all over town assisting various groups. The Town Administrator said she supports the Board of Selectmen, the schools, the Finance Committee and administration getting together to look at the whole picture to see what is needed to function.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Tickler List:

Cell tower lease funds
Green Communities/Energy efficiency
Sewer use regulations
Transfer Station Redesign
DPW Facility