

November 22, 2016

Minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting held Tuesday, November 22, 2016, at 6:00 PM, at the Keene Town Hall. The following Town Board Members were present: William B. Ferebee, Supervisor, Paul R. Martin, Robert M. Biesemeyer, Michael J. Buysse and Jerry D. Smith, Members of Council. Also present were: 1 resident and Ellen Estes, Town Clerk.

The Chairman, Mr. Ferebee, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Mr. Ferebee said the only changes made to this Draft of the Preliminary Budget since its adoption on November 10th was the removal of the \$3,000 budgeted for the Budget Officer and the increase from \$26,745 to \$28,000 for the salary of the Supervisor.

After reviewing this draft, the only change the Town Board wanted to make was to add an additional \$25,000 to the Contingency bringing that line item up to \$75,000.

Mr. Ferebee said he wanted to make sure that everyone understood the discussion held last night in regards to funds for Water District #2.

He said that the unused portion, \$1.7 Million, of the funds borrowed for the Water District #2 rehabilitation project has been wired back to Environmental Facilities Corporation.

He said that the District has \$286,000 in the bank and that his feelings were that the District could use \$200,000 of those funds toward the \$300,000 estimated cost to replace well #2. He said that would leave \$86,000 in reserve and the District would only need to borrow \$100,000.

Mr. Ferebee said the agreement has been signed to contract with a hydrogeologist.

Mr. Biesemeyer said he would like to speak with Erik Sandblom to see if this is a project he could help the Town with.

Mr. Ferebee said that the reason the Town was using AES is because they are the Engineering Contractor for the County.

There was further discussion regarding other engineering firms and the possibility of talking to Erik Sandblom.

Mr. Martin said that AES was doing a good job handling the preliminary phase, Mr. Biesemeyer agreed saying he was good with task one at the estimated \$9,700.

Resolution No. 234 – 16

Mr. Smith offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board adopt the 2017 Budget as presented here tonight, with the only change being to increase the contingency line by an additional \$25,000. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Buysse.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ferebee:	Yes
Mr. Martin:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Yes
Mr. Buysse:	Yes
Mr. Smith:	Yes

The next discussion was about the addition of the new assessor's office at the Community Center. The Board discussed the fact that the new ramp was put in by the Construction Company that worked on the bridge in Keene Valley. Mr. Ferebee said he thanked Tim Oaks for taking care of this. He also said this ramp would need a railing built in the spring.

Mr. Buysse said he would check out the ramp and railing for the skating rink room to see if that needs work.

The need for Ryan Hall to put out hay bales along the sliding hill was mentioned.

Mr. Buysse asked if the ski ticket had been purchased for the Youth Commission chaperone. No one was sure about the answer to this question.

Resolution No. 235 – 16

Mr. Ferebee offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Buysse.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ferebee:	Yes
Mr. Martin:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Yes
Mr. Buysse:	Yes
Mr. Smith:	Yes

The Town Board and Town Clerk entered Executive Session at 6:24 PM.

Resolution No. 236 – 16

Mr. Ferebee offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board reconvene into regular session. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ferebee:	Yes
Mr. Martin:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Yes
Mr. Buysse:	Yes
Mr. Smith:	Yes

The Town Board reconvened into regular session at 6:32 PM.

Resolution No. 237 – 16

Mr. Smith offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that with all business having been transacted, this meeting be adjourned. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Biesemeyer.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ferebee:	Yes
Mr. Martin:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Yes
Mr. Buysse:	Yes
Mr. Smith:	Yes

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 PM.

Ellen S. Estes, Town Clerk
December 2, 2016

William B. Ferebee, Supervisor
Paul R. Martin, Councilperson
Robert M. Biesemeyer, Councilperson
Michael J. Buysse, Councilperson
Jerry D. Smith, Councilperson