

LeBlanc wanted to know if this is different than the equipment fund and have we lost control of this fund. Yvan also wanted to know if this is used only for Tax Stabilization or do you just dip into it. Matthew Rouleau replied that we would have to get voter's approval before we could spend it. He added that we are not losing control over it. With there being no further discussion motion passed by voice vote.

ART 11:

Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$7540.68 of the 2018 Highway Fund Surplus to Road Rehab Reserve?

The motion was made by Charlotte Mills and seconded by Scott Vaillancourt to approve the article as written. John Taylor asked if this would be used for culverts and Town Manager, Jackie Higgins replied that it would be. Conrad Beattie asked if this was Board funded or would it come back to the voters. Jackie Higgins replied that it would be the Board's decision. With there being no further discussion motion passed by voice vote.

ART 12:

To see if the Town will vote to approve the sum of \$71,249.00 to support the Library Budget.

The motion was made by Helen Duke and seconded by Barbara Smith to approve the article as written. Helen Duke asked Marvine Lasell and Ann Hegarty to come forward and receive flowers for their several years of service and dedication to the Library. Helen Duke read letters in support for the Library. William Johnson amended the motion to \$83,181.00 seconded by Barbara Smith. William Johnson spoke of the several duties and responsibilities the Town Librarian does and the many new patrons who have joined. This amount is made up of 55% is payroll, Librarian and 3 clerks, 30% is maintenance, 14% health insurance as the Librarian is full time. Conrad Beattie wanted to know why there was such an increase. William Johnson replied the health insurance for the Librarian. With no further discussion the amendment to the motion of \$83,181.00 passed by voice vote. Winston Chambers wanted to know why the Library budget was taken out of the General Fund. Matthew Rouleau explained that a 34% increase was huge and felt that the voters needed to be the ones to decide if they wanted to support this budget. Mike Sprano asked \$64,000 to \$80,000 that there was no break down. Wanted to know if it would continue not being in the General Fund. Matthew Rouleau replied that it would need to be a Board decision. Jessica Martin wanted to know if the Librarian is a Town employee, and the answer is yes. John Perkins calls for a paper ballot. The results are 62 Yes and 27 No. Motion passed.

Senator Mark MacDonald and Representative Rodney Graham spoke on the happenings at the State House. Conrad Beattie thanked Mark MacDonald for all that he does at the State House.

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