

Town of Carroll

From: Linda [mailto:mtview@roadrunner.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2012 9:43 AM
To: Bill Dowling; Mark Catalano; Paul
Cc: Dan Walker; Jack Catalano; Jane; Joan; Mark Catalano; Susan Kraabel
Subject: Selectmen's Budget

Gentlemen;

The Budget Committee is anxiously awaiting the Selectmen's Budget. Please refer to RSA 32:17, which states in part "the governing bodies of municipalities shall submit their own recommendations to the budget committee, together with all information necessary for the preparation of the annual budget, at such time as the budget committee shall fix."

The Budget Committee requested your budget and back-up information to be submitted early in September. The Budget Committee, in the spirit of cooperation, has been very patient, however, we are going into October and still have not received your budget, back-up and job descriptions. The Budget Committee has begun hearing Departments' budget requests and find itself "in the dark" because we are lacking this vital information.

The Budget Committee asks that the Selectboard fulfill its "Duties of the Governing Body-" under RSA 32:17 and submit its budget forthwith.

Linda Dowling
Chairman
Carroll Budget Committee

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From: Linda [mailto:mtview@roadrunner.com]
Sent: Friday, October 05, 2012 9:15 AM
To: Bill Dowling; Mark Catalano; Paul
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Subject: Selectmen's budget

October 4, 2012

Town of Carroll
Board of Selectmen

RE: Selectmen's 2013 Budget submission to the Budget Committee

Dear Members of the Board:

On September 27, 2012, I sent an e-mail to all of you in which I outlined the Selectmen's responsibility regarding giving the Budget Committee "all necessary information", "at such a time as the budget committee shall fix" (RSA 32:17)

To be clear, the information the Budget Committee deems necessary is;

1. your 2013 budget
2. department requests and back-up information
3. job descriptions

The time "fixed" was Labor Day. The Committee understood that the Selectmen needed extra time to vote and allowed two additional weeks for the Selectmen to finish the process. When none of the above necessary information was forwarded to the Budget Committee, the e-mail of September 27, 2012 was generated.

Gentlemen, we are now squarely into October. At the Budget Committee meeting of October 3, 2012, the Budget Committee was still not in receipt of the above necessary information. I am now forced to refer you to RSA 32:12 "Penalty – Any person or persons violating the provisions of this subdivision shall be subject to removal from office" The State of New Hampshire does not allow one entity in a municipality to take another entity in the same municipality to court. The Budget Committee is hopeful that this "problem" will be addressed quickly and completely so that further communication of this sort is not necessary.

The Budget Committee needs the listed information to function properly and produce a reasonable budget for the Town. The Committee has no idea why this cannot be accomplished but the Committee also will not be held to blame for consequences brought about by what appears to be the Board's inaction on this matter. This is not a frivolous issue and should not be taken lightly by the Board of Selectmen.

Sincerely
Linda J. Dowling
Chairman