

1 Distribution of Highway Funds in Woodsville Fire District. Amend 1887, 204:3, as amended by 1899, 196:2, 1990, 37:1, and 2009, 147:1, to read as follows:

SECT 3. Said district at each annual meeting shall elect by ballot a moderator, a clerk, one auditor, a treasurer, and three commissioners. All of said officers shall be elected by a majority vote of all the voters present and voting at the annual meeting. Said officers shall exercise in relation to district meetings the like powers to those of moderator, clerk, and selectmen of towns. The commissioners shall have within the district all the powers of the mayor and aldermen of any city respecting highways, sidewalks, and sewers. They shall control and direct the expenditure of all moneys raised under authority of the district and by the town of Haverhill for expenditure in the district. They shall have sole authority to appoint a highway surveyor in said district, and in default of such appointment shall themselves perform the duties of that office. The surveyor or commissioners performing the duties of highway surveyor in the district shall give bond to the town to account for all money coming into their hands, and for the proper care and custody of the property of the town or district which may come into their custody or control, and shall be deemed officers of the town. Nothing in this act shall be construed to impose any distinct or special liability upon the district respecting highways within its limits. Vacancies that may occur in the office of commissioner in the district shall be filled by appointment of the remaining commissioners or commissioner, but any commissioner appointed to fill a vacancy shall hold office only until the next annual district meeting. Commissioners shall be residents of the district. ~~[The money appropriated for the distribution of highway funds in the district which is attributable to the town of Haverhill shall be determined by a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the assessed valuation of the properties in the district, and the denominator of which shall be the assessed valuation of the properties in the entire town of Haverhill as determined annually from the town MS-1 form.]~~The town of Haverhill shall appropriate ~~[the percentage represented by such fraction]~~for distribution to the highway fund in care of the Woodsville fire district commissioners ***an amount equal to Woodsville fire district's percentage of the town's net highway operating budget, when calculated as the percentage of the Class V road mileage in the district as compared to the Class V road mileage of the entire town of Haverhill inclusive of all districts/precincts.***

The district shall also receive a proportionate share of the state highway block grant funds received by the town in the previous year ~~(but not of any other~~ ***excluding other special***

distributions or any unanticipated revenue from the state or other sources) , calculated as the percentage of the Class V road mileage in the district as compared to the Class V road mileage in the entire town of Haverhill inclusive of all districts/precincts. [based on the population and road mileage of the district compared to the population and road mileage of the entire town of Haverhill.]

Definitions: *For purposes of this section:*

“Highway operating budget” shall mean the budget approved by the town to provide highway services, excluding amounts appropriated into or out of capital reserve funds or trust funds, amounts appropriated in special warrant articles, amounts appropriated by federal grants or awards designated for a specific project, amounts awarded by State of NH for specific projects, and health insurance premiums paid by the town for highway employees, and also excluding any amounts expended without appropriation from capital reserve funds or trust funds by agents authorized to expend.

“Net highway operating budget” shall mean only that portion of the highway operating budget to be raised by general property taxation from all Haverhill property taxpayers regardless of district or precinct based on property values as determined by town of Haverhill assessment.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.