Minutes

Budget Deliberation Meeting
Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 7:00pm
Norma Drummer Room, Seymour Town Hall

Members Present: Rich Grudzias, Beverly Kennedy, Heather McDaniel, Bill Sawicki, John Stelma; Jim Cretella, Jake Holly (alternates)

Members Absent: David Bitso, Ed Wasikowski

Others Present: Police Chief Michael Metzler, Lucy McConalogue, and Paul Satkowski

Item #1 – Call Meeting to order
Chairman Bill Sawicki called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Motion was made to move the venue to the Police Station because of a broken sewer pipe in the Town Hall.
Motion: Rich Grudzias    Second: Heather McDaniel
Yes: 7                  No: 0                      Abstain: 0

Motion to reopen meeting at Police Station.
Motion: Rich Grudzias    Second: Beverly Kennedy
Yes: 7                  No: 0                      Abstain: 0

Item #2 – Pledge of Allegiance
Everyone saluted the Flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #3 – Deliberation and Discussion of 2015/2016 Budget
The Board of Finance discussed the following department’s budget:
   ❖ Services to the Elderly – this was a tentative budget – best guess on salaries (negotiated); no raises for two years; First Selectman wanted to leave in the part time position; not sure what will happen with the restructuring; want to open up activities to more age groups in the community.
   ❖ Police Department
      ☐ Salaries are negotiated
      ☐ 41 Total Officers
      ☐ Other Purchased Services – changing security vendor to the same as the school system
      ☐ K9 – same this year – will be getting a second dog through a private donation (including car)
      ☐ Communications – more needed here due to the additional cameras around town and the fish ladder area
      ☐ Capital Expenditures
         ▪ Working with Communications Commission on simulcast
         ▪ Radios – need an additional $25,000 to upgrade radios
         ▪ Body Cameras – not sure about this – lots of additional costs for storage, etc., and security concerns (hackers, etc.)
- Parking area – need more spaces
- Bulletproof vests
- Painting – a few more areas left
- Thermal Imaging Cameras – for next year – look into possible grants
  - Income - $52,000 projected but so far received over $60,000 (January)
  - Insurance – there will be increases because of car replacement

Item #4– Adjournment
Meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm.

Submitted by:
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Recording Secretary