Minutes

Budget Deliberation Meeting
Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 7:00pm
Norma Drummer Room, Seymour Town Hall

Members Present: Rich Grudzias, Beverly Kennedy, Bill Sawicki, John Stelma; Jim Cretella (alternate)

Members Absent: David Bitso, Heather McDaniel, Ed Wasikowski

Others Present: Jim Baldwin, Peter Jezierny, Missy Orosz, Ron Skurat, and Doug Thomas

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

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

Item #3 – Seating of Alternates
None

Item #4 – Deliberation and Discussion of 2015/2016 Budget
- Registrar of Voters – Same budget as last year
- Conservation Aquifer Protection Agency
  - Major item is the $12,130 for engineering services under Other Purchased Technical Services. This is due to the State DEEP promotion of an MS4 permit. This allows Seymour to send storm water into the Naugatuck River – protects/treats the water before entering the river. Additional costs for additional stormwater sampling, lab analysis, and public outreach and advertising.
  - Part of the $33,877 will be in the Public Works budget
  - Doug Thomas will coordinate with Public Works to check for overlapping of these items with the Conservation Aquifer budget.
  - If we don’t do this – will incur $1,000/day fines.
  - Bill Sawicki asked for a copy of the state statute for this and/or a legal opinion that we should/need to do this.
- Office of Building Compliance – decrease of 1.5%
  - Reorganization of department – down to one person plus part time secretary
  - Under new banking laws, each file is checked for real estate operations against assessor’s records. If they are not matching, you cannot close on sale of your house if there are open permits. We get 3-5 of these per week. Will go to the Board of Selectman with a new fee schedule – will ask for $100. Based on time to complete these.
  - Revenues – when 2- family houses are re-rented, will require a life safety check by Bldg. Compliance Office – fee will be charged.
  - Instead of sharing secretary with the Registrar’s Office, can we use the $17,000 for a temp to catch up the filing and paperwork? Can we get someone from our I.T. Department to train on the new software to utilize it?
  - Would like to streamline the department – combine the Planning & Zoning, Building Compliance, and Inland/Wetlands.
- **Recreation Commission**
  - No Director /Associate Director (part time) at this time
  - The Regular Employees are the seasonal employees – added a middle school location for the summer camp and would like to add a week.
  - Minimum wage increased
  - This is a tentative budget until Director and Associate Director assigned. The Director will be overseeing the Recreation Department/Elderly Services/Library.
- **Inland/Wetlands Commission** – Was not here to present.

Item #5 – Adjournment
Meeting was adjourned at 8:09pm.

Submitted by:
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