Minutes

Budget Deliberation Meeting
Monday, February 23, 2015 at 7:00pm
Norma Drummer Room, Seymour Town Hall

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

Members Absent: Heather McDaniel

Others Present: Scott Andrews, Bill Paecht, Dennis Rozum, Doug Thomas, and Sean Walsh

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 – Deliberation and Discussion of 2015/2016 Budget
The Board of Finance discussed the following department’s budget:

- **Seymour Ambulance**
  - Mostly contractual obligations
  - $3,500 line item in Repairs & Maintenance - a/c unit needs replacement
  - Electric and heating costs are on a cost sharing program with the town
  - Contract for paramedic $30,900
  - Last year eliminated bundle billing – enough time hasn’t passed for us to make a determination as to the effects of that
  - Board secretary fees – duplicate with EMS Oversight Committee

- **Planning & Zoning** – same as last year

- **Parks**
  - Seasonal supplies – flags/flagpole (received a donation)/ Christmas lights
  - Repairs & Maintenance – outside person to service/maintain the skate park ($8,000)
  - Parks will maintain the Fish Ladder

- **Public Works**
  - Overtime and snow materials – using a five year average; overtime have contractual obligations
  - Replacement of vehicles – better to lease these; turn over every five years; this way we can plan better; line item will be put in First Selectman’s budget
  - Doug Thomas will re-run the Public Works budget – the overtime used figures are not correct
  - Storm water monitoring permit (NEW) – not included in this budget. Doug Thomas will find out if we need to include a line item for this in the budget here.
  - Wording should be “Stormwater Compliance”
  - Bill Sawicki asked if the staffing number is sufficient – should we put in for additional summer help? Could use more people with the additional workload of maintaining the school fields.
Item #4– Adjournment
Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Submitted by:
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Recording Secretary