

Town of Seymour
Board of Finance

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Minutes

Budget Deliberation Meeting
Monday, March 10, 2014 at 7:00pm
Norma Drummer Room, Seymour Town Hall

Members Present: David Bitso, Rich Grudzias, Beverly Kennedy, Heather McDaniel, Bill Sawicki, John Stelma, and Ed Wasikowski; Jim Cretella, Al Yagovane (alternates)

Members Absent: None

Others Present: 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 2014/2015 Budget

The Board of Finance discussed each department's Budget except the Board of Education (scheduled for discussion at tomorrow's meeting).

The following questions were posed to Doug Thomas, Finance Director for further clarifications:

- ❖ Can the Board of Education take ½ the cost of OPEB? Their employees account for at least ½ of the expense.
- ❖ What constitutes the \$5,000 line item in the First Selectman's Office budget for Seminars?
- ❖ Economic Development Department – Other Professional Services – How will we recoup the money from Seymour Lumber?
- ❖ Economic Development Commission – What is the MEDC line item?
- ❖ Printing & Advertising –
 1. What are the legal ramifications of using the internet for advertising town meetings and notices? What would the charges be for using the internet?
 2. What are the charges for using the newspapers (CT Post, NH Register, Voices)?
 3. Would posting on the Town website count as advertising (legally)?
 4. How many advertisements (and at what cost) were used last year?
- ❖ Ask the Inland/Wetland Commission if the stipend asked for is enough.
- ❖ Police Department –
 1. Was the Chief's Salary (\$104,000) approved by the Board of Police Commissioners?
 2. Are negotiations still going on?
 3. Can the Board of Education pay for at least 10/12 of the cost for the School Resource Officer? If not, why not? Call Rick Belden and/or Christine Syriac.
- ❖ Seymour Ambulance –
 1. If we do not bundle bill charges, how much does this change the VEMS charges?

2. What does the \$30,000 represent?
3. Does this mean that we go to a contract with the Town?
4. Does this mean that the residents will get billed that amount?

❖ Public Works –

1. Has the Public Works Department gone before the Board of Selectmen to ask for the additional full time position?
2. Does the number in the budget include this full time position?
3. Can we find out what the cost savings would be if we changed recycling (with Winter Brothers) to every 3 weeks?
4. What is the number of Public Works employees in the calculation for Longevity?

Item #5– Adjournment

Motion to adjourn

Motion: Heather McDaniel

Second: David Bitso

Yes: 7

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

Submitted by:

Monica Dimon

Recording Secretary