

Town of Seymour
Board of Finance

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Minutes

Budget Deliberation Meeting
Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 7:00pm
Norma Drummer Room, Seymour Town Hall

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Beth Carson, Tom Eighme, Patty Macko, 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 – Deliberation and Discussion of 2015/2016 Budget

The Board of Finance discussed the following department's budget:

❖ Downtown Committee

- With fish ladder opening, will need more benches and planters
- Need money to replace the banners
- For the fish ladder area were planning to have some high school kids decorate the banners
- Landscaping – under Spring Planting line item – to maintain the flowers @ Town Hall and planters
- Will check with Fire Department to see if they could hang the banners – if so, we can save the money to hang them
- Would like to order some spring banners (about \$3,000/set) and some for the fish ladder and pumpkin festival (will be more each because we're ordering less)
- Need to get storage containers for the banners

❖ Revenues

- Increase 1.06 mils
- Will leave the Police Admin Fee where it is for now and transfer periodically (\$35k)
- First Selectman's Budget will have about \$300k in initiatives and about \$275 in use of fund balance
- Bill Sawicki requested that the Finance Director provide an excel sheet for Revenues like we have for the expenses
- Regarding claim from BOE/Middle School: we received the money (\$225k) - currently shown as a bonding deduction. Should be shown as a miscellaneous revenue line item. Should be in "Capital Fund Project Reimbursement" and then transfer to the General Fund.
- 25% of slot revenue from casinos goes to CT towns based on population

- Recycling revenues should be posted to line item called "Recycling Revenue" not deducted from the expense.
- Amount of available General Fund (balance) is \$4.6 million
- Should more go into Site Inspection Revenue? Doug will check with the building inspector
- Should we increase the Supplemental Car Tax category?

❖ Emergency Management and Communications Commission

- Emergency Management remained the same.
- Department has 22 people
- All town employees are on the town's Verizon plan; administrators are: Tom Eighme, Rick Belden, Tony Caserta, and Michael Metzler
- The \$7,200 line item for Communications has been reduced to \$1,000
- In the future we will have a seven year lease for Simulcast Radios
- 2017 Regionalized Dispatch System (\$400 - \$600k) – with Police Department – Include with Oxford and Beacon Falls

Regarding previous question asked about the reasons that a termination and non-appropriation clause were not included in the Winters Brothers contract for garbage and recycling: response letter from town counsel did not address the questions asked. Was there a P&P bond taken out? Doug Thomas will check

Item #4– Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Submitted by:

Monica Dimon

Recording Secretary