

Town of Seymour
Board of Finance

Minutes

Budget Deliberations
Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 7:00pm
Norma Drummer Room, Seymour Town Hall

Members Present: Aileen Baldwin, Jim Cretella, Zani Imetovski, Beverly Kennedy, Heather McDaniel, Bill Sawicki, John Stelma

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Priscilla Altorelli, Susan DeBarber, Dana Flach, Joe Kuziak, Fred Messore, Ehlaina Napolitano, Marietta Sabetta, and Doug Thomas

Item #1 – Call to order

Chairman Bill Sawicki called the deliberations 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 2016/2017 Budget

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

- ❖ Culture & Arts Commission – presented by Priscilla Altorelli
 - Same budget as last year; upcoming events include: Callahan House entertainment programs, \$1,200 donation to SMS Glee Club to attend Broadway show w/ backstage passes, build obelisk at fish ladder
- ❖ Assessor's Office – presented by Joe Kuziak
 - Mostly the same budget as last year; contractual increases in salaries
 - Would like to hire person as a backup for the Assessor's Office, Tax Collector, and Town Clerk – hours to be shared between all three offices
 - Put new maps in system \$13,000; maps provided free
 - Software package went up; revaluation costs not needed this year
- ❖ Tax Collector's Office – presented by Dana Flach
 - Mostly the same budget as last year; contractual increases in salaries
 - Upgrade two computers @ counter @ \$2,000 each – very much needed
 - Would like to hire person as a backup for the Assessor's Office, Tax Collector, and Town Clerk – hours to be shared between all three offices
- ❖ Town Clerk's Office – presented by Susan DeBarber
 - Mostly the same budget as last year; contractual increases in salaries
 - Would like to hire person as a backup for the Assessor's Office, Tax Collector, and Town Clerk – hours to be shared between all three offices
- ❖ Economic Development Department – presented by Fred Messore
 - Mostly the same budget as last year; contractual increases in salaries

- Upcoming projects:
 - Basement Systems (Silvermine Road) is expanding their building
 - Route 34 (Roosevelt Drive) area – zoning is reviewing; sewers are a problem – Derby is not cooperating
 - CERC (provides economic resources as we are a member) – was hired to do a study to identify areas we can develop. These costs are in the “Other Professional Services” line item (\$20,000). Previously this line item funded environmental studies for the Seymour Lumber and Housatonic Wire properties. May be used for the Greenway Trail environmental testing. Bill Sawicki asked if this line item could have more detail on the budget.
- ❖ Economic Development Commission – presented by Marietta Sabetta
 - Last year’s budget information was not included; there is a large increase requested
 - There is a lack of clarity - Will table discussion to another night when more detailed, correct information is provided

Item #4– Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm.

Submitted by:

Monica Dimon

Recording Secretary