

Town of Seymour  
Board of Finance

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**Budget Deliberations**  
**Wednesday, March 2, 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; Richard Demko (alternate)

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Christine Aliman, Michael Konwerski, Jonathan Lovisolo, Ehlayna Napolitano, Marietta Sabetta, Doug Thomas, and Paul Wetowitz

**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:

❖ Fire Marshal – presented by Paul Wetowitz

- Repairs – need more money here
- Fire Prevention, General Supplies, and Gasoline (due to newer vehicle) were reduced
- Clothing line increased
- Budget went from \$123,989 last year to \$124,894 this year
- Fire Hydrant – 90% of town uses Aquarion – went from \$376,200 last year to \$367,472 this year; a transfer will be needed for current year due to switch from quarterly to monthly billing

❖ Inland/Wetlands – presented by Paul Wetowitz

- The Board of Selectman approved the hiring of an additional enforcement officer – now there are two; 8 hrs/week EACH; this person is needed for field work and office work
- The \$1,500 under the Legal Fees line item is actually for dues to belong to a (REQUIRED to belong) Conservation Agency; Doug was requested to change the description on this line item to "Dues" instead of "Legal Fees"
- Anytime the lawyer comes in, the bill is paid through the First Selectman's office
- Now that one of the enforcement officers is on medical leave will his hours be used by the additional person? If not, and one person can do all the work, do we really need the other person?

❖ EMS Oversight and Seymour Ambulance – presented by Michael Konwerski

- EMS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE - Board Secretary Fees – reduced because the meetings are held semi-annually instead of quarterly

- SEYMOUR AMBULANCE
  - 3% Contractual increase in VEMS
  - Most everything else is the same
  - Budget went from \$30,900 last year to \$31,827 this year

❖ Economic Development Commission – presented by Marietta Sabetta

- \$1,500 – needed for website maintenance and upgrades
- \$7,000 – needed for updating inadequate and damaged (rotting) sidewalks downtown; may be able to have public works department help with this
- \$15,000 – needed for streetscape development plan – covering Skokorat Street to Mountain Road – include aerial photography. We have received two grants: \$375,000 and \$200,000 to be used only for downtown (construction) work for beautifying downtown; we need the \$15,000 for a development plan to use these grant funds
- \$5,200 – needed for downtown banners – need to check if the Seymour Downtown Committee has been disbanded; they had \$11,200 set aside for banners – maybe we can use these funds
- \$11,000 – needed for Silvermine signage – need to update signage to “rebrand” the area as a Technology Park or Commercial Park
- \$17,500 – needed for EDC sponsored luncheons for the town businesses and area businesses to get together and discuss what the Town has to offer; this is the first step – marketing & networking – to let people know we are here – this is marketing money. The first of these will be held on 5/26/16 in the Norma Drummer Room at Town Hall.
- The grant funds should not be included in the General Fund Revenues – expenses should be taken directly from these funds.
- For Monday, Bill Sawicki asked Doug Thomas to have a status of Grants we have applied for, their amounts, and what is covered by them.

**Item #4– Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm.

Submitted by:

**Monica Dimon**

**Recording Secretary**