

Board of Selectmen
Municipal Office Complex
Moved from Meeting Room #1 to Room #3
February 26, 2018
Special Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Present: E. Lyman; S. Link; R. Smith

Also Present: M. Callahan; K. Cazassa; M. Gilroy; E. Kolasinski; J. Moreau; C. Read; J. Roczniak; C. Varricchio; S. Wheeler; L. Zemienieski

1. First Selectman Lyman called the Board of Selectmen's meeting to order at 5:09.m.
2. General Budget Review Workshop

Ms. Varricchio reiterated that she had developed the Town's budget using revenue figures that were based on what the state legislature had passed. She noted, however, that the governor has proposed additional holdbacks that could significantly reduce the Town's revenue.

- A. General Government Budgets: This agenda item was not discussed at the meeting.
- B. Public Safety Budgets: This agenda item was not discussed at the meeting.
- C. Public Works Budgets: This agenda item was not discussed at the meeting.
- D. Health & Social Services Budgets: This agenda item was not discussed at the meeting.
- E. Recreation & Leisure Budgets: This agenda item was not discussed at the meeting.
- F. Debt Service: This agenda item was not discussed at the meeting.
- G. Interfund Transfers: This agenda item was not discussed at the meeting.
- H. Shared Services: This agenda item was not discussed at the meeting.
- I. Capital Improvement Detail: The Selectman did a department-by-department review of Capital Improvement requests and agreed to several adjustments.

The Selectmen discussed the request to purchase an additional Police cruiser this year and agreed that the Town could not afford to fund the capital request this year. In response to a suggestion presented by Ms. Varricchio, however, they agreed to establish a reserve fund for a new Police cruiser. In response to a question raised by Mr. Smith, Ms. Varricchio agreed to provide the Selectmen with the mileage on each Police vehicle.

Several facility related questions were raised and Ms. Zemienieski stated that the Facilities Director will attend tomorrow's Budget Workshop meeting and will provide any additional details requested.

J. General Fund Revenue Detail: There was a general discussion regarding revenue and what to expect from the state's budget decisions and Ms. Varricchio agreed to provide the Selectmen with data using several revenue scenarios.

K. Other Budget Items: No other budget items were discussed at the meeting.

3. Public Comment:

Mr. Moreau distributed a handout providing the budget impact of several staffing options for the Fire Department. He responded to several questions from the Selectmen and noted that, it is his opinion, that the Town would receive better and more cost-effective coverage utilizing part-time staff than by the proposal presented by the Fire and Ambulance Chiefs and Board of Fire Commissioners. In response to a request from Ms. Link, Ms. Varricchio agreed to provide information of the total number of hours worked annually by the Fire Department staff for the past four years.

In response to a question raised by Mr. Moreau, Mr. Lyman stated that the Selectman had not yet considered the Fire Commissioners' proposal and that, when it was discussed, all parties would be invited to the discussions.

4. Potential Budget Resolution: There was no budget resolution made at the meeting.

5. Adjournment: There being no additional business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. Unanimous aye.

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Respectfully submitted,
Susan Link, Secretary