

Board of Selectmen
Town Office Annex
February 27, 2012
Special Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Present: Mark Walter; John Blaschik, Emmett Lyman
Also Present: C. Varricchio and E. Lunt

1. First Selectman Walter called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm and the attendees said the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. General Budget Review Workshop: Mark Walter distributed the First Selectman's Proposed Budget to the Board. Mr. Walter stated that the initial budget requests represented close to a 4 mill increase. Two large items that were removed from the budget requests were \$1.5 million for a new emergency radio system—we have issued an RFP for a consultant to aid us in evaluating our needs and options for the radio system and \$1,213,836 for the second bridge under the Federal bridge program—moved out to 2013-2014 in the capital plan.

Beth Lunt reviewed the Public Works budget. Ms. Lunt noted the addition of a new budget item Tree Maintenance for \$15,000. The Town will be held liable for tree damage to wires. This budget amount is for contracted work and not the work we do.

There was discussion with regard to the road maintenance schedule and pavement management program. Ms. Lunt stated that computer program ranks the roads by their condition for maintenance and improvements. She noted additional consideration is given to the traffic volume and other circumstances to prioritize roads.

The Selectmen reviewed the budgets.

It was noted that their next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 29 at 3:00 pm with another meeting to follow on Monday, March 5 at 1:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Tape: None

Respectfully submitted,

Emmett Lyman, Secretary