

Present: Joe Mahoney, Jerry Weinert (Vice-Chairperson), Desiree Mahurin, Paula McDonough, Patrick McDonough, Shelly Henry (School Board), Lisa Seymour (Chairperson), Mike Brady, Denise Robie, George Robie, Tom Seymour (Selectperson), Paul Meyerhoefer (Secretary)

Absent: Gerry Deroschers

Public: 1 person

Lisa opened meeting for discussion at 6:35 p.m.

Minutes from December 17, 2015 meeting were read and approved as written. Mike made motion to accept minutes as written, Tom 2nd motion, vote was unanimous

Lisa passed out 2016 Town Budget worksheet to the committee. She stated we needed to focus on making any changes the budget. She felt this would help as we move forward.

Worksheet Discussion

4130 Exec. Mike recommended changing wages stated selectmen wage line hasn't been changed in 10 years when he first became selectman. Stated these positions are based on stipends not hourly .

Selectman	\$ 6,180.00	\$ 6,750.00
Treasurer	\$ 1,236.00	\$ 1,300.00
Trust Fund	\$ 773.00	\$ 750.00

George commented cost of living is 0% currently. Mike said this change was only a recommendation.

New line item Web-site Development cost of \$ 3,320.00. Tom felt the monies spent on this line could help with a more professional look for the community which may attract new residents .

4140 (Twn Clk) Discussion on new line item Health Insurance with budgeted cost of \$10,000.00. Desiree felt this cost could actual be between \$ 6,000.00 - \$ 7,000.00 and was added to budget with the intent the position of (Twn Clk) would receive this benefit. There would be a 15 % contribution on this health coverage from participant currently. Some questions on how this would affect other part-time town employees. Tom has spoke with town attorney he felt this would not affect others working part-time since (twn clk) position is elected. Some felt they should be fair with all involved and this may open consequences the may not be able to afford and should be handled as a warrant article.

George made motion to make this Health Insurance line a warrant article, Patrick 2Nd , vote was 8 yes, 2 abstained, 1 no Motion carries Desiree abstained from voting on this motion.

4195 Cemetery Lisa stated that \$ 1,500.00 of monies unspent are to be encumbered .

4215 Ambulance Cost is set by formula with other communities involved cost of services show increase of \$ 10,201.

Joe felt we should approach Franklin for a proposal. Tom mentioned he heard some members involved in cost decision of services that current cost may still not be enough for services provided.

4220 Fire Some discussion on how budget was being spent through out the year also mentioned no increase in wages. George made motion to use 2015 Budget number, Mike 2nd motion, vote was 7 yes, 3 no, 2 abstained. Motion carries.

4312 Highways & Streets Some discussion on wages and how the number is presented in budget concern about not seeing wage number from **4912 Recon of Highways** either in worksheet or other reference sheet for budgeting review. Tom made motion to lower budget by \$ 6000.00 , George 2nd motion, vote was 10 yes, 2 no, motion carries.

4324 Solid Waste Disposal George made motion to use 2015 Budget number, Denise 2nd , vote was 2 yes, 10 no, motion denied. Paul made motion to lower budget by \$2,000.00 reducing \$ 1,000.00, from Concord Regional Waste line, reducing \$ 1,000.00 from Construction and Dumpster, Mike 2nd , vote was 10 yes, 2 no, Motion carries.

4915 Capitol Reserve Tom spoke of setting up a new fund for office equipment stating this fund would be used for emergency items along with rebuilding current office technology support systems with some over 20 years or older and previous work has compounded making repairs costly.

Next meeting Wednesday January 13,2016 at School Cafeteria
Paul motion to adjourn meeting, Pat 2nd , vote was unanimous
Meeting adjourned 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Paul Meyerhoefer

