

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN HALL GREEN ROOM
JANUARY 27, 2016
MINUTES

Present: First Selectman Bruce Farmer; Selectmen, Carol Walter, John Giannotti, William Fritz
and Lynn Pinder

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

VISITORS

No visitors wished to speak at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Fritz made a motion, seconded by Pinder to approve the minutes from January 20, 2016. The motion was unanimously approved with one abstention from Fritz.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

There were no new appointments and resignations at this time.

BUDGET REPORTS

Library – Maribeth Breen

- Library's budget request decreased from last year. FY 15/16 was \$758,638 and this year's request is \$751,000.
- Computer maintenance request decreased from \$12,000 to \$8,808
- On the income side of the budget fundraising was increased from \$10,000 to \$20,000.
- Total budget request is \$751,000

Fire Department – Brian Manware

- Last year's approved budget was \$335,157. Initial budget request was \$338,000. Other operating budget was reduced from \$115,000 to \$110,000 based on a five year average.
- The First Selectman has reduced the budget from \$338,000 to \$333,000

Fire Marshal – Jeff Heser

- Heser requested a total budget of \$85,500. Heser requested to increase the Fire Marshal position from part time to full time with a salary increase to \$63,000. The total salary line item would increase from \$55,000 to \$80,000. Bill Robbins, Fire Marshal secretary and the Burn Specialist are also paid out of this line item. Heser also included \$5,000 to hire outside consultants.
- Heser has requested an additional \$5,000 for vehicle equipment needed to purchase a storage tray cabinet for the rear cargo area.
- The First Selectman has reduced the budget from \$85,500 to \$59,000.

Communications – Tom Terribile

- Holiday line item increased from \$15,400 to \$24,307. The increase is due to an error in last year's calculation. Terribile said he would verify the increase with Carbone.

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- Overtime budget increased from \$64,000 to \$69,234
- Total budget request is \$598,369 which reflects an overall increase of 3.67 %

Animal Control – Tom Terribile

- Total budget request is \$67,976 which reflects an overall increase of 1.90 %

Police – Tom Terribile

- Salaries line item reflects no increase due to upcoming contract negotiations.
- Salaries Holiday decreased from \$130,698 to \$113,389
- \$7,467 was added to the budget for Recruitment Costs
- Canine program reflected an increase from \$1,800 to \$2,300
- Vehicle repair/maintenance budget decreased from \$37,800 to \$34,600
- Total budget request is \$2,798,376

CRAHD

- There was no increase to this budget. The total budget is \$171,548.

Conservation Commission

- There was no increase to this budget. The total budget request is \$3,800.

General Government

- Health & life went up 10.5 percent
- Initial contribution of \$120,000 was added to the budget for the Fire Department Pension Plan
- Workers compensation reflects in increase of 5 percent
- Electricity increased from \$200,000 to \$215,000 due to a rate increase
- The board discussed moving the Legal Other line item into the WPCC and Planning & Zoning budgets. This way each commission can track their spending on legal costs.
- Insurance line item increased by 3 percent
- Total budget is \$4,874,721 which reflects an overall increase of 10.66 percent

Other General Government

- Total budget request is \$266,134

Dept Redemption Town and Board of Education

- Town budget is \$1,781,986 and the Board of Education is \$1,510,340

Capital Expenditure Committee – Dennis Donovan

- Capital committee submitted a budget recommendation of \$1,201,800 on the town side. The First Selectman reduced the Fire Department Water Supply from \$60,000 to \$30,000. The Public Works Road Sweeper was taken out of the budget because the Board of Finance is looking into lease purchase agreements. Total town budget request is \$971,800
- Capital committee submitted a budget recommendation of \$352,306. No further changes were made to the budget.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Fritz attended the Pasta Dinner this past Friday night at the Fire House to benefit Janis Story. Clinton Lions Club Pancake breakfast is this Sunday at the Town Hall.

Farmer reported on Monday night's Annual Town Meeting.

Walter updated the board on this week's WPCC meeting.

ADJOURN

Fritz made a motion, seconded by Walter, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino
Administrative Assistant