

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN HALL ROSE ROOM
JANUARY 17, 2018
MINUTES

Present: First Selectman Christine Goupil: Selectmen Carol Walter, Phillip Sengle, Tim Guerra and Jack Scherban

Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM.

VISITORS

Carrie Allen requested to be on the agenda in March to update the board on the Blueway/Greenway project.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –JANUARY 10, 2018

Walter made a motion, seconded by Scherban to approve the minutes from January 10, 2018. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Walter made a motion, seconded by Guerra to accept the resignation of Josh Snow from the Shellfish Commission. The motion was unanimously approved.

Sengle made a motion, seconded by Walter to reappoint Wayne Church (R) to the Cable TV Advisory Board for a term until June 30, 2019. The motion was unanimously approved.

RE-ESTABLISH THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

Sengle made a motion, seconded by Guerra to form a 7 member Charter Revision Commission and appoint the following people to serve on the commission.

- (R) Dennis Donovan
- (G) Eric Bergman
- (D) Art Kuever
- (D) Lise Gazillo
- (D) Mary Jo Phelps
- (R) Mike Knudsen
- (R) Mike Hornyak

The motion was unanimously approved.

BUDGET REPORTS

The Economic Development budget review was moved to next week.

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Civil Preparedness

- This budget includes \$5,000 for the Deputy Director, \$500 for cots & blankets and \$100 for training.
- Total budget request of \$5,600. This budget is flat from last year.

Water and Hydrants

- Total budget of \$420,195. This budget is flat from last year.

Street Lighting

- Total budget of \$45,000. This budget reflects a decrease of \$81,275.

CRAHD

- Total budget of \$150,041. This budget is flat from last year.

General Government Administration

- The Police Pension line item increased from \$940,000 to \$973,000. The total contributions are unknown at this time. This is just an estimate. The report from the actuary should be completed mid-February.
- Health Insurance line item increased from \$1,676,669 to \$1,800,000. The total contribution is unknown at this time. The increased was estimated at 6 percent over last year.
- The state retire contribution line item increased from \$449,080 to \$495,000. The total contribution is unknown at this time. The increase was estimated at 10 percent over last year.
- The union negotiator line item increased from \$60,000 to \$120,000. There are 4 union contracts that will expire on June 30, 2018.
- Total budget request is \$5,381,198 which reflects an increase of \$302,721.

Other General Government

- The town receives donation requests from several organizations. The following donation requests were reduced.
 - The Graduation Alcohol Free line item was eliminated. Goupil recommended using the Youth & Family Services grant funds to cover this donation.
 - Gilead Community Services donation request was reduced from \$3,500 to \$3,000.
 - Community Renewal Team donation request was reduced from \$2,500 to \$2,000.
 - Literacy Volunteer of America donation request was reduced from \$1,100 to \$1,000.
 - Estuary Transit donation request was reduced from \$41,675 to \$39,600.
 - Estuary Council of Seniors donation request was reduced from \$51,000 to \$48,400.
- The Hazardous Waste Site line item budget was reduced from \$25,000 to \$12,500.
- Contingency line item was increased from \$92,065 to \$210,000.

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- Goupil would like to add a line item in this budget to cover the cost for any Chamber Events including the Fire Works.
- Total budget request is \$372,695 which reflects an increase of \$99,810

Debt Redemption

- The total debt for the town (which includes principal and interest) is \$1,964,346 which represents an increase of \$116,700. The total debt for the Board of Education (which includes principal and interest) is \$2,612,506 which reflects an increase of \$663,228. This is just an estimate at this time. The budget amount includes what we are currently paying plus an estimate for what we will pay in February.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Reported on by Sengle

- Jack Scherban is now the liaison to the Police Commission.

Reported on by Walter

- Walter attended last night's Board of Finance meeting. The auditors reviewed the audit with the board.

Reported on by Guerra

- Guerra agreed to sit on the Water Pollution Board of Appeals. This will be voted on at next week's meeting.
- Reported on Economic Development Commission

Reported by Scherban

- State budget update

Reported by Goupil

- The renovations to the train station have been indefinitely delayed. In addition, Shoreline East is estimated to receive 50 percent cut in service.

ADJOURN

Scherban made a motion, seconded by Sengle and unanimously adjourned the meeting at 9:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino

Administrative Assistant

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