

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN HALL ROSE ROOM
FEBRUARY 08, 2017
MINUTES

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

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

VISITORS

No one wished to speak at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 01, 2017

Walter made a motion, seconded by Fritz to approve the minutes from February 1, 2017. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Fritz made a motion, seconded by Giannotti to accept the resignation of John Olsen from the Fair Rent Commission. The motion was unanimously approved.

FINALIZE 2017/2018 TOWN BUDGET

The Governor's proposed FY 18 state budget was released today and its impact on Clinton was a reduction in revenue by 5.6 million or 79.1 percent. This impacted tonight's budget.

Library

The board recommended keeping the budget flat. Pinder made a motion, seconded by Fritz and unanimously approved a total budget of \$751,000.

Selectman

Farmer left his salary flat. General supplies were reduced to \$2,000. Fritz recommended eliminating the Selectman's stipend but no motion made. Giannotti made a motion, seconded by Walter to approve a total budget of \$171,818. The motion was unanimously approved.

Finance

Treasurer's stipend was reduced to \$1,000. IT/Technologies was reduced by \$1,400 for a total of \$18,600. Fritz made a motion, seconded by Pinder and unanimously approved a total budget of \$268,376.

Elections & Meetings

Fritz made a motion, seconded by Giannotti and unanimously approved a total budget of \$35,014.

Town Clerk

Fritz made a motion, seconded by Giannotti and unanimously approved a total budget of \$159,412.

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Assessor

Quality Data was reduced to 9,400. Postage was reduced to \$2,000. Fritz made a motion, seconded by Giannotti and unanimously approved a total budget of \$183,834.

Tax Collector

Fritz made a motion, seconded by Giannotti and unanimously approved a total budget of \$155,737.

Probate Court

Fritz made a motion, seconded by Pinder and unanimously approved a total budget of \$4,524.

Economic Development Commission

Fritz made a motion, seconded by Pinder to approve a total budget of \$5,000. Walter suggested keeping the budget at \$7,250. Fritz and Pinder withdrew their motion. Walter made a motion, seconded by Giannotti and unanimously approved a total budget of \$7,250.

Inland Wetlands

PT Intern was reduced by \$250 for a total of \$1750. General supplies were reduced to \$300. Fritz made a motion, seconded by Pinder and unanimously approved a total budget of \$79,361.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Training was reduced to \$250. PT Intern was reduced to \$1750. Fritz made a motion, Giannotti and unanimously approved a total budget of \$4,650.

Planning & Zoning

PT intern was reduced to \$1750. Training was reduced to \$1,000. Legal budget remained at \$30,000. Fritz made a motion, seconded by Giannotti and unanimously approved a total budget of \$161,511.

WSAM Maintenance

Fritz made a motion, seconded by Pinder and unanimously approved a total budget of \$246,914.

Fire Department

Fritz made a motion, seconded by Walter and unanimously approved a total budget of \$333,000.

Fire Marshal

The board agreed to keep the budget flat. Fritz made a motion, seconded by Walter and unanimously approved a total budget of \$59,000.

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Communications

Fritz made a motion, seconded by Pinder and unanimously approved a total budget of \$613,378.

Police

The board made the following recommendations

- o Eliminate the canine program which is a reduction of \$2,300
- o Police Chief's position remained flat.
- o The command structure was left as is and the major position will be backfilled. The department will stay at 26 sworn officers including admin and the 27th officer position will not be filled. This is a reduction in salaries full time of \$53,799 and \$6,000 from uniform expense.

Fritz made a motion, seconded by Pinder and unanimously approved a total budget of \$2,691,302.

Animal Control

Fritz made a motion, seconded by Giannotti and unanimously approved a total budget of \$71,834.

Civil Preparedness

Walter made a motion, seconded by Giannotti and unanimously approved a total budget of \$5,600.

Water Hydrants

Pinder made a motion, seconded by Walter and unanimously approved a total budget of \$420,195.

Street Lighting

Fritz made a motion, seconded by Walter and unanimously approved a total budget of \$126,275.

Public Works

The board approved funding the Assistant Director position for only the second half of the year. This would reduce salaries full time to \$924,811. Walter made a motion, seconded by Pinder and unanimously approved a total budget of \$1,845,456.

Technology

C. Venter recommended the following line item reductions.

- o It/Software Maintenance was reduced to \$32,078.
- o Website Management was eliminated which is a reduction of \$6,475

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- Utility telephone was reduced to \$120,531.

Giannotti made a motion, seconded by Pinder and unanimously approved a total budget of \$308,043.

Water Pollution Control

Walter recused herself from all discussion on the WPCC budget. Professional services were reduced to \$35,000. Fritz made a motion, seconded by Pinder and unanimously approved a total budget of \$94,460 with one abstention from Walter.

Building

Fritz made a motion, seconded by Walter and unanimously approved a total budget of 125,567.

Health

Fritz made a motion, seconded by Pinder and unanimously approved a total budget of \$150,041.

Conservation Commission

Fritz made a motion, seconded by Giannotti and unanimously approved a total budget of \$1,800.

Park & Recreation

Fritz made a motion, seconded by Pinder and unanimously approved a total budget of \$222,933.

Harbor Commission

Fritz made a motion, seconded by Walter and unanimously approved a total budget of \$39,760.

Shellfish Commission

Fritz made a motion, seconded by Pinder and unanimously approved to reduce the budget to \$2,500.

Human Services

Fritz made a motion, seconded by Giannotti and unanimously approved a total budget of \$268,186.

General Government Administration

Police Pension increased from \$920,000 to \$940,000. Town Building Emergencies line item of \$10,000 was eliminated and the union negotiator line item was reduced from \$70,000 to \$60,000. Fritz made a motion, seconded by Pinder and unanimously approved a total budget of \$5,316,477.

Other General Government

Fritz made a motion, seconded by Pinder and unanimously approved a total budget of \$292,018.

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Debt – Town

2017 New Money was reduced from \$38,144 to \$4,784. Fritz made a motion, seconded by Pinder and unanimously approved a total budget of \$1,847,646.

Debt – BOE

Fritz made a motion, seconded by Pinder and unanimously approved a total budget of \$1,949,278.

Capital Improvements – Town

Fire Department budget total remained the same at \$143,000 but the department requested to change some of the line items. Zodiac boat was increased from \$12,000 to \$17,000 and Rescue Tool Upgrades was reduced from \$20,000 to \$15,000. Pinder made a motion, seconded by Giannotti and unanimously approved a total budget of \$985,920.

Fritz made a motion, seconded by Pinder and unanimously approved a total 2017/18 Town Operating Budget of \$18,050,792 with an increase of \$757,892 or 4.38 percent.

Fritz made a motion, seconded by Pinder and unanimously approved to add Assessor Line Item Transfer to the agenda.

LINE ITEM TRANSFER

Fritz made a motion, seconded by Pinder and unanimously approved the following line item transfer as presented.

Assessor's Department

Decrease

- Tech by \$2,025
- IT by \$565
- Periodicals by \$390

Increase

- Salaries \$2980

ADJOURN

Fritz made a motion, seconded by Pinder and unanimously approved adjourning the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino