

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING
TOWN HALL ROSE ROOM
MAY 14, 2018
MINUTES

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

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

The Board of Selectmen held a special meeting to act on budget reductions to the town budget. The Board of Finance recommended a budget reduction of .50 percent. Goupil met with department heads as a group and individually to discuss budget cuts and the impacts of those reductions. After some discussion the following motions were made.

Fire Department

Guerra made a motion, seconded by Sengle to reduce the Fire Department capital budget line item by \$5,000 for rescue tool upgrades. Sengle amended his motion, seconded by Walter to reduce the amount by \$10,000. The amended motion was called to a vote. The motion failed with a vote of 2 in favor (Sengle and Walter) and 2 opposed (Guerra and Scherban). The original motion was called to a vote. The motion passed with a vote of 3 in favor (Guerra, Scherban and Goupil) and 2 opposed (Walter and Sengle).

Library

Sengle made a motion, seconded by Walter to reduce the library budget by \$7,500. The motion was unanimously approved.

Town Clerk

Walter made a motion, seconded by Sengle to reduce the Town Clerk budget by \$2,700. Walter amended her motion, seconded by Sengle to reduce the Town Clerk budget by \$2,000. The amended motion was called to a vote. The amended motion failed with a vote of 2 in favor (Walter and Sengle) and 2 opposed (Scherban and Guerra). Walter withdrew her original motion. Sengle made a motion, seconded by Walter to reduce vitals line item by \$100, maps line item by \$100 and reduce hours for assistant town clerk from 35 hours to 32 hours for a reduction of \$727. After some discussion Sengle withdrew his motion. No further motion was made.

Inland Wetlands

Walter made a motion to reduce training by \$150, postage by \$100 and general supplies by \$100 for a total of \$350. There was no second to the motion. The motion failed to pass.

Zoning Board of Appeals

No motion was made.

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Planning & Zoning

Sengle made a motion, seconded by Guerra to reduce legal by \$5,000 and maps and regulations by \$1,000 for a total reduction of \$6,000. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 in favor (Guerra, Sengle and Scherban) and 1 opposed (Walter).

Public Works

Scherban made a motion, seconded by Guerra to reduce infrastructure by \$50,000. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 in favor (Scherban, Sengle and Guerra) and 1 opposed (Walter).

Building

Guerra made a motion, seconded by Scherban to reduce code books by \$600. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 in favor (Guerra, Scherban and Sengle) and 1 opposed Walter.

Assessor

Scherban made a motion, seconded by Guerra to reduce a position from full time to part time for a reduction of \$18,500 from the salaries line item and reduce maps by \$3,000. The motion failed to pass with a vote of 2 in favor (Guerra and Scherban) and 2 opposed (Walter and Sengle). Scherban made a motion, seconded by Walter to reduce maps by \$3,000. The motion was unanimously approved.

Police

Scherban made a motion, seconded by Guerra to reduce police overtime by \$25,000. The motion was unanimously approved.

Communications

Sengle made a motion to reduce overtime by \$10,000. There was no second to the motion. The motion failed to pass. Scherban made a motion, seconded by Walter to eliminate 2 part time positions for a total reduction of \$18,200. The motion was unanimously approved.

Animal Control

Guerra made a motion, seconded by Walter to eliminate a part time position for a reduction of \$3,500 from the salaries line item. The motion was unanimously approved.

WPCC

Scherban made a motion, seconded by Guerra to move all the legal fees from each of the budgets to General Government. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 in favor (Scherban, Guerra and Goupil), 1 opposed (Sengle) and 1 abstention from Walter. Sengle made a motion, seconded by Scherban to reduce state water testing line item by \$1,600 and professional services by \$5,000. The motion was approved by a vote of 3 in favor (Sengle, Scherban and Guerra) and 1 abstention from Walter.

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Park and Recreation

Guerra made a motion, seconded by Scherban to reduce overtime by \$300. The motion was unanimously approved.

Pump Out Boat

Guerra made a motion, seconded by Scherban to move the pump out boat from other general government to WPCC. The motion was unanimously approved. Sengle made a motion, seconded by Scherban to eliminate the pump out boat. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 in favor (Scherban, Guerra and Sengle) and 1 opposed (Walter).

Total Reduction to the Town Budget

Scherban made a motion, seconded by Walter to reduce the town budget by a total of \$132,700 and send to the Board of Finance. The motion was unanimously approved.

Walter made a motion, seconded by Sengle and unanimously adjourned the meeting at 9:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino

The following are recommended budget reductions by the Board of Selectmen:

Fire Department

Reduce rescue tool upgrade-Capital \$5,000

Library \$7,500

Planning and Zoning

Reduce Legal from \$25,000 to \$20,000 \$ 5,000

Maps/regs from \$3,000 to \$2,000. \$ 1,000

Total reduction \$ 6,000

Public Works

Reduce Infrastructure \$ 50,000

Building

Reduce code books \$ 600

Assessor

Reduce Maps \$ 3,000

police

reduce overtime \$ 25,000

Communications

eliminate 2 part time positions \$ 18,200

Animal Control

Eliminate PT position that is not filled \$ 3,500

WPCC

Reduce legal from \$25,000 to \$20,000 \$ 5,000

Reduce State Water Testing \$ 1,600

Total reduction \$ 6,600

Park and Recreation

reduce overtime \$ 300

WPCC (line item was moved from Other General Government to WPCC)

Pumpout Boat \$ 7,000

Total Reduction:	\$132,700
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Motion to move all legal budgets from various depatements to General Gov't Legal