

The Board of Selectmen held a budget workshop on February 9, 2016 at the Town Hall. In attendance were: First Selectman Robert Morra; Selectmen Michael Eremita, Robert Neil (7:28 p.m.), Gwen Marrison and Sandra Pierog; and Administrative Officer Joyce Stille, Director of Senior and Social Services Jennifer Ochoa was present for discussion on the Senior and Social Services budgets. Chief Dixon, Deputy Chief Peter Morra, Assistant Chief Chuck Rexroad, and Fire Marshal Ray Walker were present for discussion of the Fire Commission and Fire Marshal budgets.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The workshop began at 7:04 P.M.

2. DISCUSSION ON FY17 BUDGET:

Senior and Social Services

Ms. Ochoa discussed the details of the Senior and Social Services budget and Public Health budget. Approximately 65 seniors are attending the Senior Center. Many more seniors are using the chore services and transportation. The need to provide these services exists. In the Public Health budget, the increase is due to Health District's costs and increased need for VNA services.

Other budgets reviewed and comments are as follows:

- 46. Economic Development Commission - no change
- 45. Insurance - estimated increase for carriers and increased cost for consultant
- 42. Probate - estimated increase for regional court
- 40. Recreation - budget proposal moves Recreation Director from part time to full time, benefits in other budgets, town support to Recreation Fund is flat in this request

Fire Commission/Fire Marshal

Chief Dixon reviewed the details of the Fire Commission's budget. Training costs for fire fighters and EMT's are increasing. The annual service cost for T134 and other vehicles continue to increase with tires for the ladder truck as a future expensive cost. Currently 38 members are active.

Fire Marshal Ray Walker reviewed the Fire Marshal budget with the group. Proposal is to hire a new Code Inspector position (1/2 year to start). The position would assist with inspections and pre-planning.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The budget workshop ended at 8:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce M. Stille
Administrative Officer

PLEASE SEE THE MINUTES OF SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS FOR THE APPROVAL OF THESE MINUTES AND ANY CORRECTIONS HERETO.