

The Board of Selectmen (BOS) held a budget workshop on January 24, 2012 at the Town Hall. In attendance were: First Selectman Robert Morra; Selectmen Robert Lessard, Leslie Shea, Raymond Walker, Robert Neil; and Administrative Officer Joyce Stille. For discussion on the Senior Citizen budget, Director of Senior and Social Services Cheryl Schardt was present. Library Director Elizabeth Thornton and Library Board members Jean Ames, Dot Neil, Rebecca Holliman, Brook Nowak and Dorothy Rose were present for discussion on the library. Fire Commission Chair Cheryl Udin and Fire Chief James Preuss were present for discussion of the Fire Commission and Fire Marshal budgets. Town resident James Aldrich was present for part of the fire department discussion.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The budget workshop began at 6:30 P.M.

2. DISCUSSION ON FY13 BUDGET

Senior Citizen

The Selectmen discussed the Senior Citizen budget with Ms. Schardt. Some statistics were given as to assistance provided from the Town. Ms. Schardt is to provide an in depth report on this for the periods of last fiscal year and this fiscal year to date. The group agreed to increase the vendor's line item for assistance. The overall total of the budget will remain flat. For the Public Health budget, it was noted that the VNA contract amount had not been included. Ms. Schardt is to check on this.

Library

The group reviewed with the library representatives the Library budget as well as current operations at the library. The grant of \$25,000 has proved to be valuable in replacing technology. Due to building limitations, the ability to provide electrical throughout is limited. Books and other media are purchased in various ways increasing the collection.

Fire Department and Fire Marshal

Fire Chief Preuss and Ms. Udin reviewed in detail the proposed Fire Department budget, Fire Marshal budget and capital requests. Concern currently exists for the condition of the rescue jacks. The majority of the budget increase is the result of officer stipends. In addition, a new program will be implemented that provides information on equipment and members for calls, training, etc. A meeting will be held on January 13th to discuss the water supply regulation.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The workshop ended at 8:30 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.