

The Board of Selectmen (BOS) held a budget workshop on February 9, 2010 at the Town Hall. Present were: First Selectman Robert Morra; Selectmen Robert Lessard, Robert Neil, Leslie Shea and Raymond Walker; Board of Finance member James Bruner; and Administrative Officer Joyce Stille. Board of Finance member John Toomey was present for the review of the Library budget. Library Director Elizabeth Thornton, Library Board Director Linda Armstrong and board members Dorothy Neil, Rebecca Holliman, Dorothy Rose and Clara Ames were present for review of the library budget. Chief James Preuss, Deputy Chief Justin Preuss, Fire Commission Chair Cheryl Udin, and commission members Stephanie Labanowski and Chris Moquin were present for discussion on the Fire Commission budget.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The workshop began at 6:23 P.M.

2. DISCUSSION ON FY11 BUDGET

Library

A discussion was held on the Library budget. Negotiated wages is the largest reason for the increase. The Bibliomation and copier contracts are also increasing. Long term issues will be keeping current with technology and then building needs.

Fire Commission

Fire Chief Preuss gave an overview of the Fire Department. A revised budget was submitted. Details of the budget were discussed at length. New gear and replacement gear are being phased in at ten (10) per year. The number of physicals per year was also increased. The replacement of SCBA bottles has been deferred. Long term items for consideration are increasing public education, multi-vehicle replacement and paid firefighters.

Other Budgets

The group reviewed other budgets with the following comments:

- no additional comments were made on the Police Protection, Fire Marshal, Building & Land Use, Open Space, Planning & Zoning Commission, Inland Wetland Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Conservation Commission, Recreation Services, Probate Court, Insurance, and Economic Development Commission
- Canine Services will be discussed further at the next meeting
- Town Aid Road Fund – this will be removed from the Town Government budget as an expenditure and revenue

The BOS will hold a special meeting on February 16, 2010 to act on the general government, capital and debt budgets.

3. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Shea, seconded by Mr. Walker, to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 P.M. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce M. Stille
Administrative Officer

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