

Board of Selectmen Minutes
Special Budget Workshop Meeting March 9, 2010
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APPROVED

A special budget workshop meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at the Town Hall.

Present for the Board: First Selectman Kate Donnelly, Selectman Roger Dionne, Selectman Mike Chapel

Staff Present: Marlene B. Aulten, Recording Secretary, Treasurer Ellen Rodriguez

Item 1: Call to Order: First Selectman Donnelly called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

ITEM 2: Budget Session: Treasurer Rodriguez distributed the draft budget; the Board of Selectmen reviewed the budget by category/line item.

Discussion of all salary increases will be done at the next budget session.

Increases include a new computer for the Treasurer and an increase of \$300 to the Conservation Commission for training.

First Selectman Donnelly asked Treasurer Rodriguez to separate legal fees specific to Planning and Zoning, from those associated with Town-wide legal issues that do not involve P&Z directly.

The Land Use Fees for Inland Wetlands need to be discussed at the next budget meeting.

RECESS:

Selectman Dionne motioned to recess at 10:55a.m. and to return at 11:05a.m. to allow First Selectman Donnelly to briefly meet with an individual from a solar company. Selectman Chapel seconded; all in favor, motion carried. Meeting re-convened at 11:05a.m.

ELECTRIC-OIL:

There has been a significant decrease in electrical demand at Town Hall due to the addition of insulation. This item will be discussed in further detail at the next meeting.

TELEPHONE:

There will be a reduction in this year expenditures as last year's outlay accounted for the new system that was installed.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

The Fire Department has requested a 1.73% increase to their budget.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Road paving line item was increase by \$200,000 to \$300,000.

TRANSFER STATION:

We are in the process of applying for general permit for the Transfer Station; the permit fee is \$800.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Dial-a-ride has increased the amount we are required to contribute to \$5,093 (from \$4,958).

Probate costs need further investigation due to restructuring per the State.

First Selectman Donnelly will consult with Town Attorney regarding Gazette funding.

CAPTIAL AND NON-RECURRING:

There is currently \$151,122 available in the Land Acquisition Fund, and \$162,830 in the Open Space Acquisition Fund.

ITEM 3: Audience for citizens:

Gay Wagner suggested a census review for Parish Hill. She recommended against any raises.

NEXT BUDGET MEETING WORKSHOP:

Tuesday, March 23, 2010 10:00a.m., Town Hall Community Room.

ITEM 4: ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: There being no further business for the Board to discuss at this Budget workshop, Selectman Dionne motioned to adjourn at 11:50a.m.; Selectman Chapel seconded; all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marlene B. Aulten
Recording Secretary