

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 16, 2015

The meeting opened at 7:05 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendees included Arnie Stymest, Selectman Chairman, John Halter, Selectman, Stephen McGerty, Selectman, Harry Power, Compliance Officer, Jim Coffey, Town Administrator and David Vaillancourt.

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APPOINTMENTS:

7:05 David Vaillancourt met to discuss the Police Department and Highway budgets. Among the items discussed were the two large culverts on Kings Highway and the need to reline them or eventually replace them. Jim Coffey mentioned that if there was sufficient water flowing through them there might be a chance for some future bridge aid to put in a box culvert. Steve McGerty suggested that a capital reserve account for roads, bridges and culvert might be worth considering. Jim Coffey will prepare an article for the warrant for the Board to consider. The Highway Budget was left as proposed at \$216,200.

The Police Budget was discussed and the Regional Prosecutor account was increased by \$400 based on a new assessment. The Police Budget is \$50,030.

Other budgets were reviewed with the Town Administrator as follows.

1. Executive Administration: \$97,023 No Change
2. Tax Collector: \$26,850 No Change
3. Treasurer: \$6,548 No Change
4. Planning Board: \$4,690 This request was originally requested as being the same as the prior year at \$9,420. The Board looked at several prior years of spending and reduced the amount to better reflect actual costs.
5. Zoning Board of Adjustment: \$6,875. The Board reduced the legal request from \$6,000 to \$2,500 based on present fiscal year expenses and no known law suits threatened. The final amount is \$6,875.

An initial draft warrant was given to the Board along with a budget printout showing showing two years of history for each account and what has been proposed to date.

Selectman McGerty also asked about the ZBA and Planning Board holding a joint meeting to discuss an application to construct a cell tower, on land for which a special exception had already been granted by the ZBA. Chairman Stymest volunteered to contact the ZBA Chairman to find out what was to be addressed at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

James Coffey, Town Administrator

Approved:

Arnie Stymest

John Halter

Stephen McGerty