



SPECIAL SELECTMEN'S MEETING

February 18, 2008

The Board of Selectmen held a Special Selectmen's Meeting on Monday, February 18, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. in the Merrill Seney Community Room.

PRESENT: Lawrence K. Groh, Jr., First Selectman; Sarah F. White, Selectman; Kathleen A. Hiatt, Selectman; Michael Martin, Finance Director

BUDGET WORKSHOP

- The Board discussed the budget request for department 1701, Town Counsel. The Board discussed the impact on the budget of enforcement of ordinances. The Board also discussed the possibility of pending litigation and foreclosures affecting the budget.
- The Board discussed the budget request for department 1702, Probate Court. The Board discussed the issue surrounding computer support for the Probate Court. The Board also discussed the possibility that the Court may be closed by Probate Court Administration. The Board discussed the options provided by Probate Court Administration in regard to the laser fiche equipment. Ms. Hiatt suggested that a no-cost MOU be created between the Town and the Probate Court for computer support and that a hub be provided for access to the Town's internet service. The Board eliminated the request for computer maintenance and computer support. The First Selectman will pursue these actions.
- The Board discussed the budget request for department 1801, Town Hall Building. The Board reduced the request for line item 533150 from 3,000 to 2,800.
- The Board discussed the budget request for department 2100, Resident State Trooper. Mr. Groh explained that there is no budget for the Resident State Trooper but it shows up on the budget because it has to be displayed for three years.
- The Board discussed the budget request for department 2201, Fire Marshal. The Board decreased the request for line item 533150 from 250 to 200.
- The Board discussed the budget request for department 2202, Fire Departments. The Board decreased Community Fire Company's request for 60,890 to 35,000. The Board decreased the request for line item 552130 from 250 to 220.

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- The Board discussed the budget request for department 2301, Emergency Management. The Board decreased the request for line item 522250 from 650 to 550. The Board decreased the request for line item 533040 from 725 to 500.

Motion made by Miss White, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to recess at approximately 11:11 a.m.

<i>Miss White</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Ms. Hiatt</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Groh</i>	<i>-Yes</i>

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to come out of recess at approximately 11:31 a.m.

<i>Mr. Groh</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Ms. Hiatt</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Miss White</i>	<i>-Yes</i>

- The Board discussed the budget request for department 2401, Animal Control Operation. The Board decreased the request for line item 522270 from 500 to 400. The Board decreased the request for line item 522310 from 700 to 500. The Board decreased the request for line item 533350 from 300 to 250. The Board decreased the request for line item 533440 from 600 to 500.
- The Board discussed the budget request for department 3201, Town Garage.
- The Board discussed the budget request for department 3202, Public Works. The Board requested that the Director of Public Works attend the next budget workshop to provide answers to some of the Board's questions.
- The Board discussed the budget request for department 3203, Ground Supplies Parks. The Board decreased the budget request for line item 533340 from 11,000 to 5,500.
- The Board discussed the budget request for department 3204, Transfer Station.
- The Board discussed the budget request for department 3205, Cemeteries.
- The Board discussed the budget request for department 3206, Snow Removal.
- The Board discussed the budget request for department 3301, Building Official. The Board eliminated the request for an Assistant Building Official. The Board also restored the 12 hours proposed to be cut for line item 510038. The Board decreased the budget request for line item 522220 from 1,000 to 500. The Board decreased the budget request for line item 522310 from 150 to 100. The Board requested that the First Selectman discuss the change in hours with the Building Official.
- The Board discussed the budget request for department 3302, Building Board of Appeals.

Motion made by Miss White, seconded by Mr. Groh, to recess at approximately 12:00 p.m.

<i>Miss White</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Groh</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Ms. Hiatt</i>	<i>-Yes</i>

Motion made by Mr. Groh, seconded by Ms. Hiatt, to come out of recess at approximately 1:12 p.m.

<i>Mr. Groh</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Ms. Hiatt</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Miss White</i>	<i>-Yes</i>

- The Board discussed the budget request for department 4101, General Services. The Board decreased the budget request for line item 522410 from 2,000 to 1,000. The Board decreased the budget request for line item 522720 from 11,688 to 6,715. The board decreased the budget request for line item 522747 from 5,232 to 500.
- The Board discussed the budget request for department 4102, Veterans Service. The Board decreased the budget request for line item 533150 from 500 to 300.
- The Board discussed the budget request for department 4201, Public Health. The Board decreased the budget request for line item 525570 from 2,000 to 500.
- The Board discussed the budget request for department 5101, Library Administration.
- The Board discussed the budget request for department 5102, Library / Community Center. The Board decreased the budget request for line item 522260 from 28,000 to 25,000. The Board decreased the budget request for line item 522700 from 4,355 to 3,000.
- The Board discussed the budget request for department 5201, Celebrations.
- The Board discussed the budget request for department 5202, Historical Society. The Board decreased the budget request for line item 522580 from 1,000 to 975.

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, to recess at approximately 2:26 p.m.

<i>Ms. Hiatt</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Groh</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Miss White</i>	<i>-Yes</i>

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, to come out of recess at approximately 2:32 p.m.

<i>Ms. Hiatt</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
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Mr. Groh -Yes
Miss White -Yes

- The Board discussed the budget request for department 5301, Recreation Commission. The Board decreased the budget request for line item 524033 from 500 to 250. The Board eliminated the budget request for line item 525017.
- The Board discussed the budget request for department 6000, Economic / Community Development.
- The Board discussed the budget request for department 6101, Planning & Zoning Commission. The Board decreased the budget request for line item 522130 from 2,500 to 2,100. The Board decreased the budget request for line item 522140 from 1,500 to 900.
- The Board discussed the budget request for department 6202, Zoning Board of Appeals.
- The Board discussed the budget request for department 6203, Wetlands Commission.
- The Board discussed the budget request for department 6204, Conservation Commission.
- The Board discussed the budget request for department 6205, Economic Development. The Board decreased the budget request for line item 522320 from 2,000 to 1,000. The Board increased the budget request for line item 533990 from 0 to 200.
- The Board discussed the budget request for department 7301, Fringe Benefits.
- The Board discussed the budget request for department 7302, Municipal Insurance.
- The Board discussed the budget request for department 8150, Debt Retirement.
- The Board discussed the budget request for department 8155, Contingency Fund.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 3:38 p.m.

Mr. Groh -Yes
Ms. Hiatt -Yes
Miss White -Yes

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