

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING
MERRILL SENEY COMMUNITY ROOM, TOWN HALL
Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.**

PRESENT: Paul Lenky, 1st Selectman, Kerstin Forrester, Selectman, Shaina Smith, Selectman, Orla McKiernan-Raftery,

Meeting called to order by Paul Lenky at 1:45 p.m.

Carolyn Werge presented budget for Dept. 6204 – Conservation Commission:

- Presented a flat year-to-year budget for non-salary expenses
- Problems with laptop computer which is 5.5 years old; computer freezes up; had Chris Nelson has helped a few times but computer does not run smoothly on a constant basis. Major problem is that it is running on XP which is no longer supported.
- HP D7406 printer is 7 years old and is beginning to have intermittent problems.

John Rice was not able to attend, but had sent comments for Dept. 6101, Planning & Zoning. Mary Ann Chinnati attended.

- Presented a proposed increase of 14% for CEO for next year
- Question regarding increase in Professional Services for current FY – increase of \$100/month for 8 months for additional meeting for Zoning Regulations workshops. Includes an additional 5 months for remainder of year.
- Remaining line items are flat year-to-year

PLenky made a motion to recess from 2:15 until 3 p.m. M/S Lenky/Forrester;
Unanimous

Called back to order at 3 p.m.

Mary Ann Chinnati presented Department 6000 Planning & Community Development

- Requested a salary increase of 5% for FY 2016; has not had an increase since she started 4/1/2013; former 1st Selectman had said she would receive an increase once she proved she could handle the job; feels that she has proven herself!
- Travel expense increase because she often has meetings out of town that last all day and does not feel she should make the town car unavailable for entire day.

- GIS maintenance belongs in Assessor's budget; still at \$3,000/year
 - Office supplies – ZEO is doing a lot more correspondence than previous ZEO
- Mary Ann Chinnati presented Dept. 6205 Economic Development Commission
- Expenses flat year-to-year.
 - Discussed projects for EDC that would assist growth in Thompson. Mary Ann said she had given them a suggestion for a Marketing Book; the BoS had agreed to support a project for economic identity for Thompson. Mary Ann and Selectmen will attend more meetings.

Motion to recess at 3:30 p.m. M/S Lenky/Smith Unanimous

Called back to order at 3:55 p.m.

Rene Morin presented Budget for Dept. 1302 Tax Collector

- Rene provided a written summary of budget with the following highlights:
 - Non-salary budget is 5.6% lower than 2014/2015 approved
 - May be able to further eliminate \$2,250 line-item for DMV fees since this program may be funded differently by the General Assembly.
 - Included an additional 5 hours/week for tax clerk position to provide more coverage for Assessor's Office, Town Clerk's Office, Building Department, and Recreation Department since Scott currently gives 7 hours/week in Assessor's Office to cover for lunch hour.
 - Discussed where reimbursement for 10 hours/week from TWPCA is recorded (Misc. income in general fund)
 - Reduction in travel as Scott will be using the town vehicle to travel to classes
 - Training covers 2 CCMC State certification classes for Scott
 - Advertising and Office supply costs increase slightly.
 - Discussion re impact of devaluation of real estate which will equal about a 1.6 mil increase.

Jay Kenney Presented Budget for Dept. 1401 Elections & Registrations

- Requested that salary for both Registrars be reviewed since there has been no increase for several years
- Discussion of maintenance for machines and whether or not we need to replace memory cards over a period of years. Agreed that we have sufficient extra cards to cover any possible failures.
- Slight decrease is proposed Advertising and Misc. Election costs

Motion to adjourn at 5:18 p.m. M/S Smith/Forrester Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Kerstin Forrester