

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING**

Oxford Town Hall / February 17, 2015

The meeting was called to order by First Selectman George Temple at 4:07pm. Present: First Selectman George Temple, Selectman Jeff Haney, and Selectman Dave McKane. Also present: James Hliva, Finance Director; Scott Pelletier, Fire Marshal; Victor Noll, Andrew Coy, Ron Prajer, Marni Soss, Deb Gatto, Scott Halstead, Sandy Merry, Cory Wlasuk.

The purpose of the Special Meeting is to review and discuss department budgets.

**Parks**

Deb Gatto discussed increases in the budget. The 7.89% increase in wages includes 3 years of raises because the union contracts took so long to negotiate, they were not reflected in the last two year's budgets. She anticipates an increase in field maintenance because there are 3 more fields to maintain and is waiting for the bids to come in. First Selectman George Temple discussed the need for increased security with cameras at our parks where the kids are.

**WPCA**

Scott Halstead discussed this budget. CL&P raised their rates and there is additional use in 67 Pump Station, so electricity costs are going to be higher. He also explained that sewer improvement reserve is a new line item in the budget because it is recommended that money be put aside in case it is needed in the future.

**Fire Department**

Scott Pelletier discussed the need for his clerk, Marni Soss, to work an extra 13 hours per week. 20 hours for the Fire Department and 12 hours in the Fire Marshall's office. He explained the vehicles upgrade line item is for replacing tires on the trucks. By law, they must be replaced every 7 years. He also discussed the need for a new camera.

Other budgets reviewed and discussed by Scott Pelletier:

**Emergency Communications**

**Open Burning**

**Civil Preparedness / Emergency Management** – First Selectman George Temple expressed his concern that the Town does not have a climate controlled room to store meals. He is going to make sure they work on making one so emergency meals can be stored there.

**Dog Warden**

Cory Wlasuk and Sandy Merry discussed this budget. Their main concern is heating the new building. Since it is larger than the old one, they think they will need more money in the budget for heat.

**MOTION:**

First Selectman George Temple moved to raise heat in the Dog Warden's budget from \$3,600 to \$4,000. This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

**Other budgets reviewed and discussed by Jim Hliva:**

Lake Zoar

Lake Housatonic

Motion to Adjourn was made at 5:18pm by: Selectman Dave McKane. This was seconded by Selectman Jeff Haney. Motion passes.

Respectfully submitted, subject to approval

  
Robbi Costigan, Clerk

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TOWN CLERK  
M. J. West