

MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
Oxford Town Hall
February 21, 2013

The meeting was called to order by First Selectman George Temple at 4:20 p.m. Present: First Selectman George Temple, Selectman Jeffrey Haney. Absent: Selectman Dave McKane. Also present: James Hliva, Finance Director.

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

Tree Warden

Joe Dempsey, Jr. attended the meeting.

An increase in wages of 3% was requested. An increase for funds for tree removal was also requested. Tree removal was discussed. Joe noted that due to additional funding for tree removal in recent years, he feels that they have been able to catch up a bit. CL&P's project to have trees removed for areas near power lines has helped a great deal also. Due to this, Joe commented that in four or five years, funding for tree removal may be able to be decreased.

Economic Development

Andy McGeever attended the meeting.

He noted that there are very few proposed changes in the budget. Computer maintenance can be reduced. Request for increase to Contracted services/clerk needed for additional work in the department. Supplies-office can be reduced. Salary remains the same but an additional 7.5% will be added to the budget for FICA. The total budget remains the same from the last fiscal year.

Dog Warden

Sandy Merry and Corrie Wlasuk attended the meeting.

Request for 3% wage increase for the warden and request for 3.5% wage increase for assistant was put in the budget. Request for significant wage increase for warden-deputy is shown. Sandy indicated that the warden handles his duties and maintenance duties at the kennel also. A request for an additional \$1,500 for vet bills was put into the budget. Sandy explained the need for the request. The new shelter was discussed.

WPCA

Those present reviewed the budget which shows electricity has dropped, increase of \$2,000 requested for Contact with Seymour, 3% raise for wages-line maintenance, increase of \$1,000 requested for equipment depreciable and \$1,500 increase requested for equipment maintenance.

Lawn Maintenance

The budget has dropped. Jim explained that a new contractor was hired last year and the fee for the second year of service (2013/2014) is less than the first.

Town Hall

Electricity was discussed. One town vehicle will be sold and decreasing vehicle maintenance was discussed.

Motion to adjourn made by Selectman Haney at 5:25 p.m. This was seconded by First Selectman Temple. Motion passes.

Respectfully submitted, subject to approval

Marni Soss

Marni Soss, Clerk

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Margaret A. Ullrich
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