

**Budget Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, January 8, 2014 Town Hall 7pm**

**Chr. Lamson called the meeting to order at 7pm.**

**Present:** Chairman John Lamson, VC Gail Klanchesser, Sandra Sweeney, Gail Pare, Michael Marconi, Janis Marconi, (Jack O'Reilly absent), School Board Rep. David Mueller, Selectmen's Rep. Rick Stern and Leila Richardson. Also present was Martha Roy, Town Administrator.

**Conservation Commission Request of \$15,426. : G. Klanchesser moved to tentatively recommend \$15,426. G. Pare seconded. Motion passed 9-0.** Before the vote, Jane Hislop discussed the budget and education for the community. She reviewed the Beautification Committee work and a request was made that the Old Town Hall flower boxes be added to the responsibilities of the Beautification Committee. Jane reviewed the Town Forest research status. Discussion was held regarding educational tours of the Town Forest, conservation easements for the Fox Point and the Baird properties as well as Conservation District dues.

**Office of Emergency Management Request of \$15,338.: M. Marconi moved to tentatively recommend \$15,338. G. Pare seconded. Motion passed 9-0.** Before the vote, Chief John Tretter reviewed the need to have a Co-Director and that all four town building generators be placed under one budget. Discrepancies between the Town version of the budget and the Police Department version were noted and would be revised to match.

**Police Department Request of \$1,484,747. -G. Klanchesser moved to tentatively recommend \$1,484,747. G. Pare seconded. Motion passed 9-0.** Before the vote, the Chief explained that the budget included a 1.5% COLA for employees and a 2.5% step increase for eligible officers. Discussion regarding the health insurance followed. This will be discussed in detail during the Town budget presentation. Firearms training and gasoline purchased were discussed. The vehicles were not being driven as much to keep fuel cost down. The Chief noted that the Department had ten patrolmen and one Secretary. Currently the department had 6 tasers. Two vehicles are scheduled to be purchased this year. There will be a \$5,000. Police Radio Capital Reserve warrant article proposed this year.

**Minutes Approval:** G. Klanchesser moved to approve the minutes of December 4, 2013. G. Pare seconded. The Committee discussed corrections that should be made.

**G. Klanchesser amended her original motion (with the agreement of G. Pare) to tentatively approve minutes of December 4 pending further review and comment at the next meeting. G. Pare seconded. Motion passed 9-0.**

**G. Klanchesser amended her original motion (with the agreement of G. Pare) to tentatively approve minutes of December 11 pending further review and comment at the next meeting. G. Pare seconded. Motion passed 9-0.**

**Adjourn:** At 8:19pm M. Marconi moved to adjourn. G. Klanchesser seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Martha Roy, Town Administrator