

Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 15, 2014 - Town Hall 7pm

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

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

Fire Department Request of \$1,485,646: G. Klanchesser moved to tentatively recommend \$1,485,646, Sandra Sweeney seconded. Before the vote, discussion ensued about the budget figure to be recommended to the Budget Committee. The case law regarding freezing pay and benefits of union filed employees was distributed. Steps and longevity were proposed by the Fire Engineers but held constant for union filed employees by the Selectmen. The Fire Department also proposed a 24 hour call position which was not supported by the Selectmen's budget recommendation. The Fire Chief stated that this would allow him to be absent from the department to attend meetings and inspections while leaving enough staff to respond to calls. Opponents cited recent increases in staffing levels that should cover the station. The Budget Committee discussed a compromise of \$7,500. to be added to the Fire Department call budget. M. Marconi moved to amend the call line, increasing it by \$7,500, to 1,493,146, seconded by L. Richardson. All were in favor.

Minutes Review:

December 4, 2013 Minutes: G. Klanchesser moved to approve the December 4 minutes as corrected. M. Marconi seconded. The Committee consensus was that all minutes should have motions stating "tentatively recommend". This word will be changed in all minutes. The trust fund comment on page 2 should be deleted. **All were in favor.**

December 11, 2013 Minutes: G. Klanchesser moved to approve the December 11 minutes as corrected. M. Marconi seconded. G Klanchesser noted that the wording "All were in favor" after the Planning Board budget motion should be struck. The Committee consensus was to strike the paragraph regarding Welch Cove. **All were in favor.**

January 8, 2014 Minutes: G. Klanchesser moved to approve the January 8 minutes as corrected. In the minutes approval section, the third paragraph should strike the number "4". **All were in favor.**

Sandy Sweeney moved to adjourn, seconded by Leila Richardson at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha S. Roy, Town Administrator