

Town of Newington, NH
Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 6, 2016 Town Hall

Chair John Lamson called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

Present: John Lamson, Gail Pare, Gail Klanchesser, Sandra Sweeney, Jennifer Kent Weiner, Alan Wilson, Rick Stern, Selectman, Jon Tretter, Police Chief, Denis Hebert, Planning Board and Martha Roy, Town Administrator.

Absent: Brandon Arsenault, Kathy Latchaw and David Mueller.

Review of Minutes: G. Pare moved to approve the minutes as amended (Page 2 , first paragraph, change "gas" to "fuel") of December 9, 2015. G. Klanchesser seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Police Department Budget Review: G. Pare moved to tentatively approve the Police Department Budget of \$1,438,585. G. Klanchesser seconded the motion. The Police sick pay expense line was listed as \$20,292. This can be revised to \$15,222, a reduction of \$5,070. M. Roy discussed the new health insurance buyout program which is \$3,600 per year and is offered when proof of coverage has been verified. Discussion ensued about health insurance, detail revenue, the Cadillac tax, gasoline usage, body cameras and tasers.

J. Lamson called for a vote on the Police Department budget and all were in favor of \$1,438,585.

Emergency Management Budget Review: G. Klanchesser moved to tentatively approve the Emergency Management budget of \$15,421. G. Pare seconded the motion. Discussion ensued about challenging events in recent history (storms) and airport emergency management.

J. Lamson called for a vote on the Emergency Management budget and all were in favor of \$15,421.

Planning Budget Review: G. Klanchesser moved to tentatively approve the Planning budget of \$221,350. S. Sweeney seconded the motion. D. Hebert discussed the Planning Board's decision to level fund COAST bus. Discussion ensued about increased salaries, contracted services, master plan work, capital improvements plan, ordinances, an update on Eversource transmission lines and Sea-3.

J. Lamson called for a vote on the Planning budget and all were in favor of \$221,350.

J. Lamson announced that Leila Richardson has resigned from the Budget Committee.

G. Pare moved to adjourn at 7:54pm. This was seconded by G. Klanchesser with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha S. Roy
Town Administrator