

Town of Newington, NH
Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 11, 2017 Town Hall

Chair John Lamson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Present: John Lamson - Chair, Brandon Arsenault - Vice Chair, Gail Pare, Jennifer Kent Weiner, Rick Stern, Katherine Latchaw, James Belanger, Rick Stern, David Mueller - School Board, Cosmas Iocovozzi - Selectman.

Absent: Sandra Sweeney, Alan Wilson

Guests: Andrew Head - Fire Chief, Darin Sabine- Chair, Board of Fire Engineers, Ruth Fletcher- Fire Engineer, Victoria Eversman- Recording Secretary and Martha Roy- Town Administrator.

Review of Minutes: G. Pare moved to approve the minutes of January 4, 2017.

K. Latchaw seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Fire Department Budget Review:

G. Pare moved to tentatively approve the Fire Department budget of \$1,562,628. R. Stern seconded the motion.

Chief Head explained that the union and management have reached a tentative agreement. The monetary increases will be presented in a separate warrant article for action at Town meeting. This will be presented to the Budget Committee with the other warrant articles on January 25th.

Deliberations ensued about the increase in budget lines for salaries, training, uniforms, ambulance supplies, equipment maintenance, SCBA maintenance, radio maintenance and equipment purchases. Chief Head stated that the increases are due to the rise in cost of business. He explained that epinephrine auto-injectors are very expensive and need to be replaced. Other items discussed were the new salary step program being introduced for Part Time Firefighters and the gas meter purchase.

J. Lamson called for a vote on the Fire Department budget and all were in favor of \$1,562,628.

Emergency Management Budget Review:

C. Iocovozzi moved to tentatively approve the Emergency Management budget of \$15,158.

G. Pare seconded the motion.

M. Roy stated that the Selectmen approved the department's proposed budget. Discussion ensued about the various town generator locations and staffing of the Emergency shelter.

J. Lamson called for a vote and all were in favor of \$15,158.

The Budget Committee will meet again on January 18, 2017.

J. Lamson moved to adjourn at 8:00 PM. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Victoria Eversman
Recording Secretary