

Town of Newington, NH  
Budget Committee Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, December 14, 2016 Town Hall

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

**Present:** John Lamson - Chair, Brandon Arsenault- Vice Chair, Gail Pare, Sandra Sweeney, Alan Wilson, Jennifer Kent Weiner, Rick Stern, Cosmas Iocovozzi - Selectman.

**Absent:** Katherine Latchaw, James Belanger, David Mueller – School Board

**Guests:** Peggy Lamson – Cemetery Trustee, Jon Tretter – Police Chief, Victoria Eversman – Recording Secretary and Martha Roy, Town Administrator.

**Review of Minutes:** G. Pare moved to approve the minutes of December 07, 2016. S. Sweeney seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**Cemetery Budget Review:**

G. Pare moved to tentatively approve the Cemetery budget of \$22,986. R. Stern seconded the motion.

P. Lamson stated that A. Wilson and C. Iocovozzi were also Cemetery Trustees. Discussions were held regarding the increase in the wages line for a new cemetery sexton to be hired. The sexton's role will be an administrative role only; all policies will be handled by the Cemetery Trustees. Discussions ensued about additional field work needed in the Southern division of the Cemetery in 2017. P. Lamson and C. Iocovozzi stated that only town residents, and/or residents displaced by the U.S. Airforce, can purchase new lots. It was also discussed that there is plenty of room for development of new plots.

J. Lamson called for a vote on the Cemetery budget and all were in favor of \$22,986.

**Police Department Budget Review:**

R. Stern moved to tentatively approve the Police Department budget of \$1,464,214. G. Pare seconded the motion.

The Retirement budget increased by 4%. J. Lamson stated this is controlled by the State. Discussions ensued about the purchase of a new vehicle, and the savings of \$16,000 by the Police Department switching over to Blue Cross /Blue Shield Access Blue HMO plan.

Chief J. Tretter announced his retirement date of 12/31/2016. The Captain will step in as the interim Chief. The plan is to have this position filled by the end of January 2017.

J. Lamson called for a vote on the Police Department budget and all were in favor of \$1,464,214. The Budget Committee will meet again on January 4, 2017.

J. Lamson moved to adjourn at 7:36 PM. S. Sweeney seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Victoria Eversman  
Recording Secretary