

MINUTES

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

FEBRUARY 10, 2016

The Board of Selectmen met at 7:45 p.m. (directly after the Final 2016 Proposed Budget Hearing), at the Campton Municipal Building. Present were Selectmen, Peter Laufenberg, Charles Wheeler, Charles Cheney, Karl Kelly and Carina Park, Town Administrator and Eleanor Dewey, Office Assistant (recorder). Selectman Davis was not present due to a conflict in schedule.

Vice Chair Laufenberg called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

New Business: Vice Chair Laufenberg explained that there was discussion with Attorney Daniel Crean pertaining to the long-term debt agreement for the purchase of the new Fire/Rescue vehicle and non-appropriation issues because of a lease/purchase agreement. Due to these issues, a Public Hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 22, 2016, at the Campton Municipal Building, and such published notice has been arranged to meet deadline requirements.

Hannah Joyce, Town/Clerk Tax Collector (was present for a short time) and requested that she speak with the Board concerning the Warrant Article addressing the salaried position for the Town/Clerk Tax Collector, and Vice Chair Laufenberg will contact Mrs. Joyce tomorrow to discuss.

Old Business: Vice Chair Laufenberg addressed the need to review the Proposed Budget due to public concerns discussed this evening. With that in mind, the following line items were discussed:

**Under Capital Reserve Funds, Solid Waste Disposal was discussed and a suggestion was made to allocate \$10,000.00 this year and \$10,000.00 next year, rather than the full \$20,000.00 this year. After further discussion, it was agreed to leave the full \$20,000.00 in the Capital Reserve Funds.**

**Under Planning Board, after discussion, and by Motion made and seconded, it was unanimously agreed to reduce the budget by \$1,100.00, reflecting the bottom line to be \$5,000.00.**

**Under Beebe River Utilities – Water, after discussion, and by Motion made and seconded, it was unanimously agreed to reduce the Management/Maintenance line item to \$10,000.00.**

**Under Beebe River Utilities- Sewer, line item Management, after discussion, and by Motion made and seconded, it was unanimously agreed to reduce the line item to \$9,000.00.**

**Under Part time Bookkeeper, discussion ensued as to reducing; however, Carina stated that she has some projects to be accomplished this year that she will need the bookkeeper's assistance in accomplishing. With that in mind, the Board agreed to leave the figure at \$15,000.00.**

Discussion ensued pertaining to the fund balance and the recommended percentage that the State suggests for holding. It was confirmed that a minimum of 5.05% of the total property evaluation of the Town is the State recommended amount. Vice Chair Laufenberg acknowledged that Selectman Davis has strong feeling about leaving the appropriate percentage that the State requires and Selectman Davis is not present this evening. **Discussion further ensued, pertaining to reducing the tax rate vs. reducing the budget. The Board acknowledged that because of concerns voiced this evening by the public, the following Motion was made and seconded, and unanimously approved, to revise Warrant Article 7 and Warrant Article 11 to read as follows:**

**Warrant Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a copy machine for the Board of Selectmen's Office and further to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of this amount from the unanticipated and undesignated fund balance as of December 31, 2015. No amount to be raised by general taxation. This machine would also replace the current fax machine and scanner.**

**Warrant Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a new cruiser for the Police Department and further to fund this appropriation n by authorizing the withdrawal of this amount from the unanticipated and undesignated fund balance as of December 31, 2015. No amount to be raised by general taxation.**

Adjourn: There being no further business, Vice Chair Laufenberg declared the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor M. Dewey, Office Assistant and recorder