

**SPECIAL SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES**

February 24, 2016

6:00 PM

Town Hall Community Room

**JOINT MEETING
SELECT BOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE**

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm in the Community Room of the Town Hall by Chairman William Rowe with Selectmen Tom Carone and Melissa Randall present with the Town Manager, Ken Woodbury. Members of the Budget Committee present were Gerry Kazmierczak, Brydie Armstrong, Dale Gray, Rick Pellerin, Gerald Jackson, Dinny Wark, Michael Wark, Brent Randall and Heather Willey. Members of the public present who signed in were Michael Kazmierczak, Jody Cabot, Terri Wark, and George Nuite.

ITEM 2: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEM 3: DISCUSSION OF 2016 BUDGET COMMITTEE PROPOSAL

- A. The Town Manager explained that the 2016 Budget proposed by the Budget Committee had two adjustments made to it by the Town Manager. The Office Equipment line under General Government/ Town Office was reduced from \$2,000 to \$500 with the removal of the TRIO computer. The Office Equipment line under Capital Reserve Transfers was changed from \$0 to \$750 reflecting a need to build the office equipment reserves for the future and still resulting in an overall net decrease of \$750 to the expenditures. The Budget Committee voted to approve the change.
- B. The Fire Department carry forwards was incorrectly computed as \$12,564 when the correct amount underspent in 2015 is \$10,582 which would be the correct carry forward and the amount to be allocated for the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserves would be \$10,582.
- C. After discussing the issue of the inclusion of Garage Erosion Control and the Center Pond Road as having been expended, it was concluded that the final figure of \$404,964 would remain as the recommended expenditure level for Public Works for 2016.
- D. The Town Manager presented a proposal that the budget presented by the Budget Committee as adjusted would represent the Town expenditures for 2016, that \$50,000 would be taken from the undesignated reserves as revenue to offset local property which would mean a mill rate of 0.0190 for 2016. A homestead valued at \$200,000 or less would have no increase in 2016 property taxes versus what was paid in 2015. A homestead valued at \$100,000 would pay \$50 less than 2015 and a homestead valued at \$300,000 would pay \$50 more. The homestead exemption for 2016 is \$15,000 versus \$10,000 in 2015. The homestead exemption increases again in 2017 to \$20,000. This budget would mean that 89.5% of Sangerville resident homestead owners would have no increase in their 2016 property taxes even though the mill rate would increase by half a mill.
- E. The Budget Committee and the Select Board agreed to the Budget Committee proposed budget with the \$50,000 taken from undesignated reserves to lower the mill rate. The Board of Selectmen reserves its option of recommending changes in some budget categories and that if there are any differences would be presented to the Town Meeting as separate recommendations on the warrant article.

- F. The Board asked the Budget Committee to formally vote separately on the Fire Department budget total and the Public Works budget total with the Town having the final say as on the individual account lines. The Budget Committee votes on each were passed unanimously.
- G. The Budget Committee formally voted on the final Town Expenditure Budget of \$1,985,950, subject to any corrections noted during the meeting, such as reducing the amount of the fire department carry forward. The motion to approve carried unanimously.
- H. A question was raised as to why the Snowmobile Club is being paid the amount of the fees collected in 2015. The reason is the pay out in 2016 reflects what was collected in 2015 as approved by a warrant article in the 2015 Annual Town Meeting.

ITEM 4: ADJOURN

It was moved by Melissa Randall and seconded by William Rowe that the meeting be adjourned. The motion to adjourn at 6:55 pm was approved 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Ken Woodbury, Town Manager

WILLIAM L. ROWE, CHAIRMAN

TOM CARONE

MELISSA RANDALL