

TOWN OF WENTWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
Selectmen's **Second Budget Workshop**
January 10th, 2017

Present: Chris Bassingthwaite, Pete Santom, Ray Youngs, Arlene Patten

Also Present: Chief Wallace Trott, Janice Thompson, Kay Bailey, Donna King, Kevin Gilbert, George Morrill, Palmer Koelb, Francis Muzzey, Ellie Murray, Chip Stata

Chris opened the Budget Workshop meeting at 5:45 pm, seconded by Pete and approved.

Police Department

Chief Trott stated he would give a Readers Digest version of the Police Dept. Budget. There was an increase in the budget for some things that we all have no control of, he said. The Prosecution/Prof Service has an increase of \$2951.00. Chief Trott was able to decrease some line items within reason, to accommodate the increase, allowing the overall budget to remain without total expense increase.

The Board extended a brief invitation to Privilege of the Floor:

- Mr. Muzzey asked permission by The Board to speak about his request he made for the Non-Public last week. Mr. Muzzey said he was unaware of the legality issues concerning the WWAS and therefore requested a Non-Public when in fact, he found the legality was resolved and it's now public information. He proceeded to speak of the new Board of Directors for the Ambulance Service and said he is a member. The Board of Directors include 5 members, 3 from Warren and two from Wentworth. They have recently held their second meeting. He went on to say that he was displeased with the way the monies (\$19,000) were distributed to the WWAS. The audience asked Mr. Muzzey to see if the public was welcomed to any of the meetings. Mr. Muzzey stated he would ask next Monday at the meeting.
- Stan Graton, II, from 3-G Construction, Inc. was welcomed to the floor by the Board to speak of the 1899 Wentworth's Old Town Hall. Mr. Graton gave a beautiful presentation booklet which included his report and recommendations given from a recent inspection performed, for the betterment of the Town Hall. The photos and options were reviewed and discussed. The Board thanked Mr. Graton for his recommendations and would consider this information when the job went out for bid to the public. The Board asked Mr. Graton when considering bids, what are some things they should focus on? Mr. Graton stated The Board should request qualifications, to see if the contractor has done work supporting old structures, and not just new construction, such as apartment buildings. Mr. Muzzey continued to ask Mr. Graton how many contractors in his scope of practice building large bridges and heavy timber buildings, were there in The State of NH? Mr. Graton said approx. 3 people that he knew of. Mr. Muzzey recommended that Stan Graton get the job. Again, The Board thanked Mr. Graton for his time and efforts.

Planning Board

Mr. Muzzey and Mr. Morrill voted to keep the Planning Board budget the same of \$1500.00

Conservation Commission

The Board welcomed Ellie and said she had been missed lately. They told her that 2 new members joined and Ellie commented that she had not met them yet. Ellie brought with her the Conservation Committee's annual report which states the same as last year, and presented it to the board. She did not have the final numbers and said at the next meeting she would have them for The Board.

- Mr. Muzzey questioned The Board on the T/C T/C budget as to why she did not use her budgeted amount for payroll. The Board mentioned that the T/C T/C had gone over on her budget due to having a Deputy, and she decreased her own income to make room in the budget for the Deputy's position, being careful not to go over in her total budget. This satisfied Mr. Muzzey's question.

Selectmen's Office

The Selectmen discussed and reviewed considerations for charitable contributions. They did keep some contributed items the same and decreased others. The Board will continue their budge next week.

The Budget Workshop will continue on January 17, 2017

Chris motioned to adjourn the Budget Workshop Meeting at 8:10 pm, seconded by Pete and approved.

Respectfully submitted by Arlene Patten

Minutes accepted by



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