

BOARD OF SELECTMEN and BUDGET COMMITTEE
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, March 11, 2014
7:00 P.M. TOWN MEETING ROOM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steven Palmer, Clark Whittier, Darla Hamlin, Mark Girard, Paul Napolitano

OTHERS PRESENT: Budget Committee members: Brian Sites, Jeff Shorey, Donna Palmer,

Pamela Ames, Candy Burgess, Thaddeus Day;

Interim Town Manager: Marnie Diffin

1. Discuss differences in the expenditures.

The two groups went through seven cost centers and reconciled most areas where the two groups differed. After hearing the rationale from the Budget Committee about **Management / Town Manager (Lines 13 & 22)**, Selectmen said they would discuss this topic after their March 18th meeting.

In the **Land Valuation and Land Use** article (**Line 111**), the Budget Committee asked the Selectmen if they could further define how the proposed \$100,000 would be used. Mark answered that they would need to pay for planning, legal, and engineering expertise that the Board doesn't have. Going forward, the town is looking at Performance-based, not regulatory-based, Zoning, e.g. we need a town planner, an "Economic Developer" per se. They'll soon have the results of current research, then they'll develop Logic Models for Wescustogo Hall replacement, NYMS property, and more Economic Development, and some numbers will come of it, including the cost of doing nothing. Selectmen will further refine their rationale before Town Meeting, so the citizens can better understand how the money will be used.

Public Works / Road Paving (Line 242): Selectmen support high-performance chip sealing for Sligo Rd. and plan to take a trip to NH on March 18 to see it actually being used. They do not support chip sealing Sligo Rd. Extension.

Solid Waste / Spring Clean-up (Line 384): The Budget Committee recommends the town hold a Spring Clean-up Day, budgeted at \$10,000, which differs from the Selectmen who recommend we skip a year.

2. Discuss Revenue

Four Revenue accounts were discussed and aligned between the two groups.

3. Discuss LD 1 Limit and place in this budget.

Clark Whittier stated that he doesn't feel as strongly about meeting LD 1 as in the past. Most present were concerned about what the school budget will do to property taxes, so we wanted to be as fiscally prudent as possible.

4. Adjournment: Chairman Steve Palmer declared the meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

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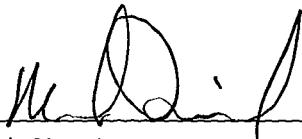
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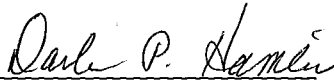
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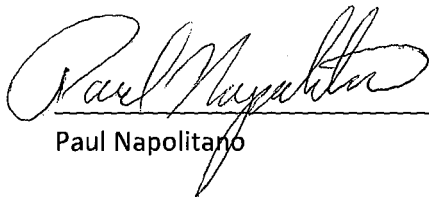
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