

Budget Hearing, and Meet the Candidates
February 25, 1991
Meeting called to order at 7:30

Present: William Suydam, Chairman, Edwin Rowehl, Donald Phelps, Ann & Phil Dwight, Joe & Carol Smith, Pat Beers, Jan & Keith Boatright, Hugh & Judith Giffin, Judy Pratt, Everett Chamberlain, Dave Essex, Bob Varnum, Ralph Brooks, Mike Clemens, Barbara Elia and Betty Shaw.

Candidates introduced themselves, giving their qualifications and reasons for offering their names for the elected positions.

Selectmen reviewed the budget and since most attending the meeting were the same people as the former hearing, the selectmen pointed out the changes which have taken place. ie. the added amount of \$3,200 in the Police budget was for a special. Chief Brooks explained the special will be used when officers are on vacation or when one is away receiving the 40 hours of required training.

There is also a line item added for hydrants. This was a warrant last year, but since it will be an ongoing expense, it is best in the budget.

Judy Pratt explained the reason she placed a warrant article for a secretary. The importance of having accurate minutes and keeping up with the changes in planning and zoning office. Jan explained the intention of the budget committee was not to eliminate the position or to prevent the planning board from having a secretary, but rather to consolidate all the expenses for the secretary for the planning board, sewer & water, ZBA, zoning and building office into the one budget. The Selectmen's budget. Jan and Joe Smith explained the planning Board is to have all the assistance of the secretary they require. The selectmen agreed that the Planning Board will have all the secretarial support they need.

Phil Dwight said the selectmen could remove \$6,000 from the Town office budget and place it in the Planning Board for secretarial work if they wish.

A question was raised as to the contingency fund. Since the cost of gas appears to be going down, the total amount may not be necessary.

This portion of the meeting adjourned.

Selectmen's Meeting was called to order.

Bids for the emergency action plan were opened. Dubois King placed a bid for \$6,850, S2H \$6,580 and Stetson & Harza \$8,250. No decision was made at this time.

Last week minutes to state the representative from Vaillancourt did not show for the 7:30 appointment.

Ed moved to approve the minutes with the above correction.

Second Don. All in favor. So moved.

A check is expected from Hawthorne College tomorrow.

The selectmen have decided to continue with the purchase of fuel from Vaillancourt at this time.

Town Meeting was discussed.

Meeting adjourned 9:45

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