

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting  
December 18, 1996

Selectmen Present: Peter Moore, Carol Smith and Michael Oldershaw also present Business Manager Philip Dwight.

The meeting started at 5:30 P.M. to begin a review of the budgets proposed by the various departments.

1. General Government was accepted as presented with changes as follows: Cost of living salary increase percentage was established as 3%. Mileage reimbursement rate was increased to 30 cents and new items requested and approved, were \$500 for a new printer for the computer and a new line item, \$2500 for upkeep of Town Parks.

2. Police Department: The Selectmen recommended a 10% salary adjustment for the position of sergeant and 3% cost of living adjustment for the other members of the department. The training line item was increased by \$500, money provided for a new radar unit \$1500.00, and a 2nd video camera net cost \$1250. These recommendations will be reviewed with the Police Chief on January 6, 1997.

3. Fire Department: The budget was accepted as presented but the Selectmen will discuss the proposed change in the salary structure with the Fire Chief on January 6, 1997.

4. Highway Department: Budget was accepted as presented adding the 3% cost of living salary adjustment. New line item for dust control was approved. Mowing budget was increased with a proposal that other methods be explored.

No decisions were reached on the line item for bridge repair.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M. The balance of the budget will be discussed at a meeting tentatively set for 1:00 P.M. Saturday December 21.

Respectfully submitted by Philip T. Dwight.