Minutes of Selectmens Meeting January 8, 1997

Selectmen Present: Peter Moore, Carol Smith and Michael Oldershaw.

Also present was Phil Dwight.

The meeting opened at 7:30 P.M.; the agenda being to finalize the preliminary budget, so that material could be developed to present at the Budget hearing on January 13th.

The main discussion concerned salaries in the various departments, especially the Police.

After lengthy discussion it was agreed to include in the budget the following:

A general Cost of Living Increase of 3% effective January 1st with a retroactive payment after Town Meeting. In addition a 2% Merit Increase for the Librarian, the Police Chief, the Road Agent and Officer Giammarino. In addition three extra hours were authorized for the Library Assistants, an increase in their salaries from \$6.70 to \$7.00 and a new Library Clerk for 6 hours a week.

Other minor adjustments were made to bring the 1997 budget in line with 1996 actual costs.

No figure was included for the Fire Capital Reserve until the equipment projection was received.

It was agreed to include funding for Project Lift .

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Philip T. Dwight.