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Present: Dana Metzler, Harold Simmons, Ron Mikol, Christine Muir  
Absent: Amie Stevens, Pam Crocker

Also attending: Town Administrator Tracey Hutton, Town Accountant Lorraine Leonard

Meeting opened at 7:10 p.m.

FY17 Budget Review

We began with another review of the working FY17 budget. There were some changes to the revenues, specifically a lower state aid number and a lower forecast for local receipts. We confirmed that the latter does include the transfer station revenue. There was some concern about being able to validate the items that create the deficit, even without the GDRSD increased assessment.

Lorraine confirmed that she lowered the local receipts number, in part because the trend she saw in average annual increase for previous years included at least \$30,000 in FEMA reimbursements, which is not repeated revenue.

Tracey noted that the Annual Town Meeting warrant would include an article to add \$15,000 from free cash to the FY16 budget to replenish the reserve fund.

Lorraine asked if there was interest in using surplus overlay in FY17. The assessors need to vote to close it out before June 30, at which time the funds move to free cash and can be used to fund an article(s) at Town Meeting. We considered using these funds for the article covering inspector stipends.

We adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

*Harold R. Simmons*  
*Dana S. Metzler*  
*Christine Muir*