

**2014 BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURADAY, JANUARY 30, 2014  
CONTINUATION OF BUDGET REVIEW**

**Members Present:** Mike Waddell, Terry Oliver, Glen Eastman, Reuben Rajala, Robert Demers, Terry Rhoderick

**Excused:** Dan McCrum

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:12 pm.

The meeting opened with the continuation of the Finance Directors review of wages and benefits. She noted that here were a couple of changes made since the last meeting. The big change being an additional \$7963.00 of costs regarding the 2% wage increase. She noted that the new document also includes the changes in the EMS service line per the Chair's instructions to the EMS Director at the last meeting. She stated the Director had adjusted his budget to account for 108 transfers which is what he had last year. This also increased the revenue for the EMS Department from \$280,000 to \$322,000.00.

The Chair asked the committee members how they wanted to proceed? The Committee had in front of it a completed MS-737 Budget form that reflected the concerns raised by the Committee to date. This form did not include a revolving fund for the EMS Department, but did include a 2% pay increase for town employees. The Chair asked for a "straw Pole" from the members present on who would vote for the MS-737 as presented and who wished to go line by line. Two members, Terry Rhoderick and Robert Demers indicated they were against the budget in its entirety. Selectman Jackson declined to vote stating that the Selectmen need to meet on the MS-737 as presently done. The remaining four members voted to support the MS-737 as presented. Two of those members would support the 2% increase only if the Selectmen supported it.

The Board reviewed the proposed Warrant Articles. Regarding, the EMS Revolving Fund, a "straw vote" showed 4 opposed and 1 in favor with 1 abstention. The Budget Committee will recommend to the Selectmen that they reconsider their budget at their next meeting so that it conforms with the Budget Committee's recommendations. The Chair noted that there has been a lot of concern noted by the Committee regarding outside contracts to neighboring towns. He felt the committee needed detailed expense and income information in that regard in order to make competent decisions.

The Town Manager presented to the Budget Committee members a document she prepared "Brief Summary of Utility Assessments Currently Under Appeal" for their review. She stated there is approximately \$300,000.00 currently in overlay to cover the potential losses of appeals.

There being no further questions a Motion to Adjourn the meeting was made by Bill Jackson with a second from Terry Oliver. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.