

**MINUTES OF THE SELECT BOARD AND ADVISORY BOARD
COMMITTEE BUDGET WORKSHOP**

6:30 p.m. November 3, 2015

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Present: Selectman Bugbee, ABC Chairwoman Alice MacKinnon, Town Administrator Julie Glover, Cary Brown, Bill Henze, Pat Barbour, Jan O'Neil and Roger Rice.

Absent: Select Board Chair Dennis and Selectman LaCourse.

1. Selectman Bugbee calls the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Chairwoman MacKinnon introduces Jan O'Neil to present the Cemetery Trustees Budget.
2. Jan O'Neil states that five years ago she presented a five year plan to eventually not have to pull from their trust funds and they are ready to do that. They are finishing the remainder of the fencing on Lee Hill this month and the Durgin cemetery will be completed by the 250th. All of the tree maintenance has been completed. They are asking to reduce their budget to \$6000 and leave their trust funds to continue to grow. TA Glover states that in the past the interest from those accounts went to the Town's general fund to reimburse the Town for the maintenance of the cemeteries. So now that will stop? Ms. O'Neil says yes, they will move the interest into the principle and they will cut their budget in half. There is a statute that allows them to not pay back the Town. The Trust funds are at about \$200,000. They have one more fencing project next spring over on Little Hook Road. The Haley cemetery on Birch Hill might need some attention according to Chairwoman MacKinnon. There is a conversation regarding the low rate that the Town offers for a burial plot and Jan O'Neil states that the system is not being abused.
3. Roger Rice updates everyone that the agreement has been signed by all the towns involved and Waste Management confirmed they are mailing the check to Lamprey who will have it by December. If received in FY16 then it must be applied in FY16 per TA Glover; therefore, the full \$10k cannot be subtracted from Roger's FY17 budget. Mr. Rice brought his electric back up to where it belongs and lowered his fuel and office supplies. TA Glover asks Mr. Rice to speak on the loss of revenue with regards to recycling. Mr. Rice states that 14/15 recycling income was \$40,700 which is \$15,000 less than the previous year. He is proposing that they budget \$30,000 for 16/17 based on where it is right now.
4. Nick Scuderi presents the OYRA budget. They are asking for a \$1000 increase due to inflation and price increases. Mr. Scuderi agrees with Selectman Bugbee to start working back to some sort of funding formula that was in place prior to his time. He would like to get the three towns together for an annual meeting to discuss funding and budgets. Pete Ventura, OYRA Treasurer arrives. Bill Henze did not want any funds used for football. Mr. Scuderi states that the contributions from the towns do not directly contribute to any of the programs. Mr. Henze does not want any of the town's money to be part of the football budget. Mr. Ventura states that about 2% of OYRA's budget is spent on football. TA Glover asks what OYRA's overall budget is. Mr. Ventura says revenues are at \$514,000. Hockey is the biggest program. It is 20% of the total. Administrative budget is approximately \$145,000. Selectman Bugbee would like to see the percentages of use from all the towns. He adds later that the CPI for the US is 0. The northeast region is

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-.1% and the Boston/Brockton/Nashua area is .3%. TA states that there are more Lee kids participating now than 2 years ago. The contributions from the towns pay for administrative costs and the sports are all self-sustaining through fees and donations. Their model is that every sport should be within 3% of their budget plus administrative costs per Mr. Scuderi. They provide scholarships and turned away zero people who applied for scholarships last year. Bill Henze states that 10% of the participants do not live in Durham, Lee or Madbury according to their data. Mr. Scuderi states that out-of-towners pay \$15 per registration. This works out to be about 6% of the total extra fee cost. Out-of-towners actually lower the overall burden. They are trying to get back to a formula that looks back at the previous year's participation as opposing to asking for an arbitrary percentage increase. As of now Lee is at \$26k, Durham is at \$39k and Madbury is at \$22k for contributions. The administrative fees are around \$140k which would make them funded at around 65%. TA would like to see how many individual kids are participating in the sports.

OYRA does the sporting events scheduling and the maintenance for Little River Park.

5. TA Glover points out that A Safe Place and Sexual Assault Services have merged. Child and Family Care did not submit a request this year.
6. Bill Henze motions to adjourn. Chairwoman MacKinnon, seconds. All in favor.

Minutes transcribed by:



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Minutes accepted by:



Scott Bugbee, Selectman



Alice MacKinnon, ABC Chair

12/15/15
Date

Dec. 15, 2015
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