

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

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Board & Committee members present: Chairman Brown, Selectman Bugbee, Selectman LaCourse, Pat Barbour, Brian Burke, Chairman Thomas Murdoch, Rebecca Hawthorne and Alice MacKinnon.

Others present: Town Administrator Julie Glover, Town Clerk Linda Reinhold, Erick Sawtelle

1. Chairman Brown calls the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Board signs the MS1 and MS535. Selectman Bugbee moves to approve the MS1 and MS535. Selectman LaCourse, seconds. All in favor. Motion Carries.
2. Chairman Brown turns the meeting over to Chairman Tom Murdoch who welcomes the Town Clerk/Tax Collector Linda Reinhold to give her presentation. She reviews the small changes that have been made to the budget. She lowered and raised various line items. She is requesting a \$1.00/hr. in salary for the Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector. TA Glover points out that the Town could charge an additional \$5 for motor vehicle registrations under RSA 261:153VI. This would be an established fund that would go towards highway, road and transportation improvements. She estimates it could get the Town into the \$25,000 per year range. Ms. Reinhold sees it in more cities than towns. She adds that the municipal agent fee could be \$3.00 but we only charge \$2.50 and most towns charge \$3.00. Chairman LaCourse asks what the process is to adopt these. TA Glover will email the RSA's to the BOS/ABC. TA Glover states that the \$5 increase would have to be a warrant article. They will check on the \$.50 increase.
3. Erick Sawtelle, Chair AG Commission, is requesting \$1000 for the AG Commission. They have a balance of \$3311.30 in the AG Commission account and the Farmer's Market account has \$2114.82. Mr. Sawtelle states that they have been talking about an informational kiosk at town center for all the committees and commissions. They still do the Backyard Initiative at the Grange which costs \$500. The Fair had a total income of \$3150 which is \$700 more than what they have been averaging. There were; however, more expenses. They only made \$591 on the BBQ when they average around \$900 for the last few years. Selectman Bugbee says that the Sustainability Committee has \$500 in their budget this year to pay for the Backyard Initiative at the Grange. Mr. Sawtelle was not aware of this. The AG Commission does pay for the videos which are \$1200. The BBQ ran out of several food items this year. Six people did not get beans.
4. TA Glover states that right now the overall increase in the budget is 8.93%. Mr. Sawtelle states that Durham indicates that they are looking at a 25% increase in their budget per their newsletter.
5. There is a discussion surrounding the Grange's insurance coverage. Alice MacKinnon questions whether the Grange should be taxed because they rent it out. She adds that if they don't pay the taxes then the Town can take the property.
6. TA Glover states that the Energy Committee did not make a request so she put in \$1500. There is a discussion surrounding the LED project.
7. The Committee asks the TA to email the AG Commission financial information to them. The Sustainability Committee did not attend their time slot budget meeting this evening because

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they were in their own meeting in the next room. The group discusses what to do about that. They are asking for \$1000. If anyone has questions for them, they decided to ask them to come in on another date.

8. Chairman Brown moves to adjourn at 7:50pm. Selectman Bugbee, seconds. All in favor.
Motion Carries.

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Date

Minutes accepted by The Lee Select Board and
the Advisory Budget Committee:



Cary Brown, Chairman



Thomas Murdoch, Chairman