

Warrant Committee

December 9, 2015

10th Meeting

Present: Chair Ted Hays, Secretary LeeMichael McLean, Members Michael Maholchic Jean Eckner, Betty White, Jonathan Schindler, Chuck Karimbakas, Steve McCurdy, James Potter, Philip Mathews.

Absent: Brian Beaupre, Darnell Turner, Richard Boehler

Guests: Mary Ann Sullivan, Caroline Kinsella

Reserve Fund Balance: \$597,445

1. The 10th meeting of the Warrant Committee was called to order at 7:34 p.m. in the Carol Blute Conference Room of Milton Town Hall.

2. Budget Presentation: Council on Aging.

The 2017 budget for the Council on Aging was presented by Director Mary Ann Sullivan and Board of Directors Chair Michael Balfe. Ms. Sullivan explained the role that the Council plays in the community, sharing statistics on senior needs, numbers and financial challenges. The roles of fundraising and grants were discussed, and Ms. Sullivan expressed gratitude for the full-time van driver awarded to the COA at the last Town Meeting. She outlined the need for a full-time Outreach Coordinator and requested funds to accommodate one.

3. Budget Presentation: Board of Health. Caroline Kinsella, Public Health Director, presented the FY 17 Board of Health budget. Contingent and non-contingent expenses were assessed. Insurance and Medicare reimbursements for vaccines were discussed. Ms. Kinsella said that funding for vaccines and flu clinics is drawn from revolving funds as opposed to the base budget, and that the \$20K withdrawal limit was too low based on current revenues. Due to unexpectedly having to hire a septic consultant, the replacement of a needed printer had been postponed. She added that the BOH was also in need of a 12-hours-per week public health nurse to handle substance abuse issues in Milton.

The Warrant Committee recessed from 9:03 to 9:13.

4. Budget Presentation: Assessors. Bob Bushway, Chief Assessor, shared a presentation on Milton's 2017 tax forecast. The Town's total tax levy, taxable valuations and levy limits were

addressed. Override scenarios were explored. Property valuation procedures and tax rates were discussed. Member McLean suggested existing contracts be bid out to ensure competitive pricing and service.

5. Upcoming meetings were confirmed for December 16th, 17th, and January 4th.

6. On a motion by Member McLean, seconded by Member Maholchic, the meeting was adjourned at 10:09 p.m., 9/0/0.

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Respectfully submitted by
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Warrant Committee Clerk