

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

March 1, 2007

Present: Chairman Elaine Kelly
 Vice Chairman Rick Nieber
 Janice Hight
 Dan McInnis
 Dale Rains
 Lynne Winter

Meeting called to order by Chairman at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Rick Nieber to approve the minutes of February 8, 2007; seconded by Janice Hight; approved unanimously.

Motion was made by Rick Nieber to approve the minutes of February 15, 2007; seconded by Janice Hight; approved unanimously.

Budget Review – MIS/GIS

The Committee received a presentation from the MIS/GIS Director David Kane, on his Capital Improvement Project.

Budget Review – Dog Officer

The Committee reviewed the Dog Officer Budget with Dog Officer Claudia McGuire, including the Dog Control Revolving Account.

The Committee by consensus recommended that the Dog Officer's uniform allowance of \$75/year be considered for an increase in the future.

Budget Review – Police Chief

The Committee reviewed the Police Department Budget with Police Chief Mark Leahy, including the Police Revolving Account.

The Police Chief reviewed the need for additional staffing for the Police Department.

Budget Review – Fire Chief

The Committee reviewed the Fire Department Budget with Fire Chief David Durgin, including the EMS Revolving Account.

The Fire Chief reviewed the Fire Department staffing and needs.

The Committee also reviewed the Fire Department's Capital Improvement Projects.

Other Business

Janice Hight provided a report on the February 22, 2007 inspection of the Northborough K-8 Schools, for which she represented the Committee. Please refer to the attached report.

The Chair and Rick Nieber both suggested having presentations in the future on the needs of Municipal Departments related to staffing and service/program levels to consider a potential future Municipal Override to address such needs. In discussion, it was agreed such presentations would be of value next Summer prior to preparation of the FY 2009 Budget.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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