

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MARCH 14, 2016  
SHEPARD MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

PRESENT: Dario F. Nardi, Chairman, Robert E. Lavash Sr., Vice-Chairman, James A. Gagner Jr., Clerk

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**Chairman Nardi called the meeting to order at 6:00 in the Selectmen's Meeting Room in the Shepard Municipal Building.**

**Old Business**

Mr. Lavash made note of recent request by Highway Surveyor to meet with the Board. The Board's schedule will be reviewed to determine availability in the upcoming weeks.

Mr. Gagner noted that the K9 is with a State Police trainer and continuing training. On the matter of the cell tower, there are some concerns raised regarding property lines and the need for possible easements for access by both Water Dept. and cell tower developer. He will bring before the Planning Board.

Mr. Nardi updated the Board on recent developments regarding Altus Solar project on Spring Street, following findings of non-compliance by the electrical inspector and building inspector. The matter is under review and Town Council has been notified of the de-energized operations.

**FY 2017 Budget Discussion(s)**

There was discussion by the Board on requests for the following departments.

CA= Consensus to approve.

Finance Committee	CA
Town Accountant	CA
Treasury	CA
Tax Collector	CA
Planning Board	CA
Conservation	CA - review clerical number
Building	CA
Forestry	CA
Veterans	CA - barring any changes
	CA - recommend level fund
Police	Police expense & maint. Lines
	CA - ask FC about 5K increase
Fire	to amb. payroll
Library	CA

There was a consensus to tentatively approve these budgets pending Finance Committee's review and vote of approval. There was discussion that a joint meeting be held with FinCom to finalize budgets and vote on budgets by end of the month to allow time to prepare for necessary articles for town meetings.

**New Business**

The Board received a request to support the Coalition for reform of Chapter 70 school funding. Motion to support the Coalition, made by Mr. Lavash; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous

Brief discussion was had on recent request by Police Chief for possible Article to fund the purchase of new chairs and conference table for the police department.

There was some discussion on the by-law change proposed by the Board of Health, relating to the landfill which the Select board would support as an article.

**Next Meeting Date: March 22, 2016 @ 7:00 PM**

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Lavash; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorena Prokop  
Administrative Secretary

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James Gagner, Clerk