

**Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes- Unapproved
November 3, 2015**

Members present: Chairman Dave Senecal, Vice-Chairman Brad Harriman, Dave Bowers, Linda Murray and Luke Freudenberg.

Members absent: None.

Staff present: Town Manager David W. Owen, Finance Director Pete Chamberlin, Director of Operations of the Municipal Electric Department Barry A. Muccio, Police Chief Stu Chase, Police Captain Dean Rondeau, Fire Chief Phillip Morrill, Parks & Recreation Director Ethan Hipple and Recording Secretary Amelia Capone-Muccio.

Chairman Senecal opened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Non-Public Session

Mr. Owen noted a non-public session is needed to discuss personnel.

2016 Budget Hearings

a. Electric Department Administration 3-43410

Barry Muccio addressed the Board.

Mrs. Murray questioned need for a TV.

Mr. Muccio noted they do currently have a TV which belongs to NH-Coop.

b. Electric Distribution 3-43420

Mr. Muccio noted the biggest difference in this budget this year will be the transition from NH-Coop to the Town's own line workers.

Mrs. Murray questioned line 3-43420.380 outside services.

Mr. Muccio stated a line worker was hurt last year on an old pole so this is to implement a program to test poles that are older for safety.

Mrs. Murray questioned line 3-43420.800.

Mr. Muccio replied this is a new line for training for the line workers that was lumped in the contract before. The Town is a member of NEPPA.

c. Electric Generation 3-43430

Mrs. Murray questioned line 3-43430.311 consultants.

Mr. Muccio replied this line is for the monitoring wells at the old power plant and fortunately they have not had to do much there this year.

Mr. Owen noted they have changed companies and that has reduced the line as the company gets reimbursed directly from the State of NH.

Mrs. Murray questioned 3-43430.380 outside services.

Mr. Muccio replied this line covers substation maintenance and can vary from year to year ; some years it's been low and other times they have over expended it.

d. Planning 1-41911

Mrs. Murray questioned line 1-41911 consultants and the current usage.

Mr. Houseman replied that it will be used before year end.

e. Electric Capital Outlay

Mr. Muccio stated he has one request 3-49616.730 Line worker re-tooling, which will be replacing any tools used by the line workers that belong to the contract company.

Revisit List review

f. Police Department 1-42100.140 Overtime

Chief Chase addressed the Board.

Mrs. Murray questioned if he is okay with the reduction to \$88,096.

Chief Chase replied he is.

g. Police Vehicles 1-42100. 760

Chief Chase stated he received an estimate to repair his vehicle which is \$4,860. He provided a breakdown of the cost to lease 4 cars vs. 3 cars noting an increase of \$744 per year which can be lowered to about \$200 when you include the trade-in vehicles.

Mrs. Murray stated that based on the cost to repair the old vehicle it makes more sense to lease 4 cars, but would like to see them get on a schedule of only leasing two cars per lease plan.

Mr. Owen stated he reduced the line back to three cars because it was a level service budget and they have always leased 3 cars. He stated the Town is facing a hefty tax rate increase this month and he is concerned about the optics of how more vehicles will be perceived. He noted he has already received some feedback from members of the Budget Committee.

Chairman Senecal questioned if any of the other cars they are trading in could be usable for a year.

Chief Chase replied he would look into that. They will get by, they always find a way.

Mrs. Murray is not in favor of that if they have to put money into fixing a car to keep it.

Mr. Freudenberg agreed, he does not like seeing cars used for public safety just getting by and pointed out purchasing the new ones would only cost an additional \$700 per year for public safety.

Mr. Bowers agreed, crime is not getting better and it is not a big increase that affects everybody as it is public safety.

It was moved by Dave Bowers and seconded by Luke Freudenberg to increase the line 1-42100.760 vehicles in the Police budget to \$26,219. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

It was moved by Dave Senecal and seconded by Linda Murray to reduce line 1-42100.381 outside maintenance to \$3,579. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

Chief Chase noted an error on his part in the Animal Control budget line 1-44140.810 Travel & Meetings and that he actually needs twice that amount based on past spending.

It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Brad Harriman to increase line 1-44140.810 Travel & Meetings to \$1,400. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

h. Fire Department

Chief Morrill addressed the Board.

It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Brad Harriman to leave line 1-42200.381 at \$3,710. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

i. Emergency Management

Mr. Chamberlin noted as voted at a previous meeting he moved the Emergency Management secretary salary to this budget from the Executive budget.

j. Capital Outlay- Fire

It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Dave Senecal to remove the request for \$35,000 1-49609.731 Pave Substation. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Luke Freudenberg to remove the request for \$69,500 in line 1-49616.761 for the Jaws of Life. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

The Board supports the portable Jaws of Life.

k. Parks & Recreation Maintenance

Mrs. Murray noted they need to revisit line 1-45202.440 Rentals and Leases and the request to lease a truck for the season for cemetery maintenance.

Mr. Hipple addressed the Board and stated that this proposal is to lease a truck vs. a purchase which has been requested in the past.

Mr. Harriman questioned if any other Department is getting rid of a truck he could use.

Mr. Hipple replied he has proposed that in the past but adding to the fleet doesn't seem to be the way the Town wants to go, so he is recommending leasing it for the season as it is needed.

It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Luke Freudenberg to add \$3,500 to line 1-45202.440 Rentals and Leases. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

l. Beaches

Mrs. Murray stated that they previously questioned lines 1-45203.412 and 1-45203.413 water and sewer differences.

Mr. Hipple replied that the only beach on sewer is Brewster; the other two have septic systems.

Mr. Harriman noted a difference in gallons in the notes that should be clarified.

m. Pop Whalen 5-45890

It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Brad Harriman to amend line 5-45890.117 part time wages to \$36,567 and the corresponding benefit lines. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

n. Parks & Recreation Capital Outlay

It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Dave Senecal to remove line 1-49606-710 2010/2015 Middleton Road Cemetery. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

It was moved by Dave Senecal and seconded by Linda Murray to amend line 1-49616-734 demolish old Abenaki Lodge to \$ 5,000. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

Mr. Hipple provided a sketch of the proposed overflow parking at the arena along with an estimate, but noted the project would go out to bid.

Mrs. Murray stated she would support this project if the cost was split between the Pop Whalen fund and the General Fund.

Mr. Owen noted that by doing that the Pop Whalen fund balance would be depleted.

Mrs. Murray noted that the funds would be made up in the revenue the following year.

Mr. Hipple noted they have tabled the project of replacing the ceiling tiles as the parking issue is a priority.

It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Dave Senecal to fund the Abenaki Parking lot expansion as follows; \$32,497 from the General Fund Capital Outlay and \$ 32,497 from the Pop Whalen Ice Arena Capital Outlay. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

It was moved by Dave Senecal and seconded by Brad Harriman to not fund line 5-49616.736 ceiling tiles/floor mats. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

o. Technology General Fund

Mr. Chamberlin stated line 2-41990.380 includes \$3,000 for website hosting.

It was moved by Brad Harriman and seconded by Dave Senecal to fund line 2-41990.380 website hosting at \$3,000. Members voted being all in favor, the motion passed.

It was moved by Dave Senecal and seconded by Dave Bowers to fund line 1-41990.725 at \$4,020. Members voted being all in favor, the motion passed.

p. Town Manager

It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Dave Senecal to add \$9,814 to line 1-41302.113 for Mr. Owen's accrued leave time. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Brad Harriman to add \$3,870 to line 1-4302.210. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

Being no further business before the Board, Chairman Senecal entertained a motion to non-public session.

It was moved by Dave Senecal and seconded by Linda Murray to enter into non-public session under RSA 91: A 3, under personnel at 7:06 PM. Members voted, roll call Dave Senecal-yes, Brad Harriman-yes, Linda Murray yes, Dave Bowers-yes and Luke Freudenberg-yes, being all in favor, the motion passed.

The Board re-entered public session at 733 PM.

Chairman Senecal noted the Board voted to seal the non-public minutes by a 2/3rds vote as required by law.

Being no further business before the Board, Chairman Senecal entertained a motion to adjourn.

Member Dave Bowers moved the Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen to adjourn at 7:34 PM.
Member Brad Harriman seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Amelia Capone-Muccio
Recording Secretary