

MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING January 10, 2012

Members Present: Selectmen Ramsey, Crichton, Murphy, Chambers, Elton

Others: TM Trefethen, Police Chief Towne and 15 members of the general public.

The purpose of the meeting this evening was to review the proposed Police Department Budget for FY 2012/13.

As presented the Budget totals \$1,397,908. This represents \$141,251 dollar increase from the previous year. This amount also includes 75% (\$58,696) of the costs paid to the Town from SAD #60 for the School Resource Officer. The Board felt that this amount could be removed from the amount requested under the warrant but understood this revenue from SAD #60 was needed to pay this position. In addition the amount requested in the Gas & Oil Budget was reduced by \$3,400 to a total of \$34,100. This reflects paying \$3.10 a gallon for 11,000 gallons of fuel. These reduction reduce the proposed budget by \$62,096 from \$1,397,908 to \$1,335,812

It was also noted that this budget represents 77% of the funds are paid for Wages, Insurances, and Retirement which are controlled through negotiations by the Board of Selectmen with the Collective Bargaining Group representing the Police Department employees. In addition it was mentioned that the Town looked to reduce our Health Insurance costs by going to a High Deductible program and the establishment of a Health Saving Account to pay these deductibles for our employees, however the Teamsters Union not the Police Union rejected this proposal. Their rejection did not allow enough savings to the town to consider moving our remaining employees to the program, which could have been an additional saving to this budget proposal along with others up for review.

There was some additional discussion on the Vehicle Maintenance Budget and if \$1,000 could be removed. Discussion occurred but no action for removal took place.

Discussion also occurred on an energy audit done of the Police Station the report will be shared with the Board.

Some residents spoke on behalf and the importance of keeping the School Resource Officer in the schools.

MOTION Crichton second Chambers "to adjourn" passed 5-0 @ 8:02PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Keith M Trefethen

Town Manager

