

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN/BOARD OF ASSESSORS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 10, 2015**

I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Chairman O'Connor, Selectman Crichton, Selectman Ganiere, Selectman Pendergast, and Selectman Wright

OTHERS PRESENT: Finance Director Maureen Finger, Police Chief Tim Towne, Fire Chief Dennis Plante

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT

Eleanor Murphy – Ms. Murphy wanted to remind the public of the upcoming book sale at the Library on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 17 – 18, and Friday and Saturday, March 20 – 21.

III. BUDGETS REVIEWED

a. Police Department

The Police Chief discussed two three year contract proposals for dispatch services with either Wells or Kittery/Eliot which would have substantial savings to the Town. The Board indicated that he should move forward with the Fire Chief to finalize the proposals and bring it back to the Board for their review and action.

Motion: Chair O'Connor moved and seconded by Selectman Pendergast to accept the Budget Committee's recommendation for the Police Department budget at \$1,531,292.00.

The motion carried unanimously; 5 - 0

b. Fire Department

Motion: Selectman Wright moved to accept the Budget Committee's recommendation for the Fire Department budget at \$611,312.00, seconded by Selectman Ganiere.

The motion carried unanimously; 5 - 0

c. Revenues

The Finance Director proposed three adjustments to the revenue estimates for FY16. The first is to increase the Revenue Sharing estimate by \$25,000 to \$369,636, second is to increase the Snowmobile Reimb. Estimate by \$250 to \$1,400, and the third was to decrease the Animal Control revenue estimate by \$700 to \$3,800. The net impact of these three changes would bring the total estimated revenues to \$2,485,110.

Motion: Chair O'Connor moved and Selectman Ganiere seconded to accept the revised revenue estimate of \$2,485,110 for the FY16 budget year.

The motion carried unanimously; 5 - 0

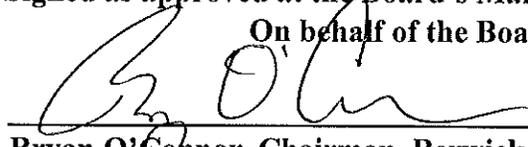
IV. Adjournment

Motion: It was moved by Selectman Crichton and seconded by Selectman Ganiere to adjourn.

The motion carried unanimously; 5 - 0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

**The March 10, 2015 BOS Special Meeting Minutes
Signed as approved at the Board's March 17, 2015 Meeting
On behalf of the Board**



Bryan O'Connor, Chairman, Berwick Board of Selectmen