

Present: Joseph Conroy, Mike Darcy (selectmen's rep), John Hartnett, James MacDonell(arrived late as noted below), Lewis Major, Peter Zavorotny.
Absent: Dorianne Almann, Bruce Bellville, Michael Carrier, Morris Klein,
Excused: Tina McCosker.

Since a quorum was not present, it was decided to discuss the budgets as planned, but no action would be taken.

All budgets submitted to this point were discussed. Most raised no concerns with the committee. Those that did are as follows:

Financial Administration; An armored car service cost of \$5,000 accounts for the increase.

Parks: Includes \$2,000 for building repairs.

Cemeteries: Maintenance and Repairs is budgeted at \$9,300 which is \$8,000 above the current level. Mr. Darcy commented that the increase is to remove a tree which is a danger to the area and is difficult to access.

Mr. MacDonell arrived at this point bringing attendance to a majority and a quorum.

Police Department: This now includes the School Resource Officer which is offset with a grant. Actual cost to the Town is about \$7,000. The retirement line is also increased by \$15,000 which is out of Town control.

Fire Department: Salaries are increased to cover training time. Building Maintenance is up about \$5,000. This is to cover an upgrade in lighting as the old ballast type bulbs are no longer available and repair of a concrete crack.

Building Inspection: Supplies is budgeted at \$1,600 which is the same as the current year. Actual expenses have never been close to that so the detail is needed.

Street lighting: There were no concerns with the budget, but a question was raised as to whether the Town is paying for any traffic lights.

To this point Highway Department, Transfer Station, Health Agencies, Municipal Pool, Energy and Water Department have not been received.

Mr. Hartnett voiced concerns over the budget in general. He feels all Town officers need to think outside the box for ways to save money for the tax payers. He also feels more needs to be done to coordinate growth along route 119. This is needed to make the Town more attractive thereby bringing in people, businesses and manufacturing.

Mr. Darcy commented that several things are being pursued, all this takes time and the economy has dampened activity.

The tax rate has not yet been set as the auditors have not submitted their report. This is expected soon.

Mr. Hartnett moved to accept minutes for meetings 624 and 625 as printed. Mr. Major seconded and passage was unanimous.

The next meeting is a joint budget discussion with the Selectmen Monday, December 9, 2013 at 6:30 in the Town Hall.

Mr. Conroy moved to adjourn. Mr. Hartnett seconded and passage was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Peter W. Zavorotny
Secretary Pro Tem