

Chairman Shaw called the meeting to order at 6:30pm in the Town Hall.

Present: Almann, Carrier, Conroy, Hartnett, Klein, Major, Rideout, Schill, Shaw, Zavorotny

Excused:

Absent: Kennedy

This was a joint meeting with the Selectmen to discuss the 2012-2013 Town budget.

Selectman Chair Bellville commented that the Selectmen had not yet reviewed the package and they did not plan to take any formal action during this meeting.

There was discussion concerning the Healthcare cost increase. A new plan is in place which has an increase, but saves some \$43,000 over what the old plan would have cost. Mutual Aid will be billing the Town directly, where in the past this charge was passed through the County. The result is a new line for \$35,000. There will be an offset in lower County assessment, but that amount is not yet firm. It is expected to be in the \$30,000 range. Another increase is included to represent a possible increase to Healthcare in the Police budget as the Chief is going to retire and he has not used the Town plan and a replacement may.

After some discussion on the Police and Highway budgets, Selectman Ebbighausen commented that since the Selectmen had not approved these budgets and they had several concerns, it is probably premature to have the Budget Committee involved. Several attendees on both panels agreed with that. The Budget Committee decided to retire to a separate meeting. The Selectmen continued review and will advise the Budget Committee when a more complete package is ready. The Budget Committee moved downstairs at 8:04.

Mr. Zavorotny updated the committee on his discussion with Mr. O'Connor at the SAU. Mr. O'Connor had indicated that the packages were coming along and we could expect information the first week in January. Also, the information is all stored electronically and the detail is not to be distributed. Some members are concerned that this will make our review difficult and asked if perhaps some of the data can be downloaded and sent. Mr. Zavorotny will plan to follow up with the SAU.

The timing is a concern for both the School and Town as we move into the holidays.

The next meeting will be scheduled when information is available. Mr. Shaw and/or Mr. Zavorotny will advise members.

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Peter W. Zavorotny
Recording Secretary