

BOARD OF SELECTMEN BUDGET MEETING – MARCH 4, 2008

TOWN HALL/LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM – 7:00 P.M.

REVISED/APPROVED MINUTES

These minutes are a general summary of the meeting and are not intended to be verbatim.

In attendance: R. Maroni, A. Bodner, B. Manners, D. Masters, J. Plock and J. Wahlberg

Agenda

1. Police Department Budget

Richard Zini, Senior Architect from Doyle/Coffin Architecture was in attendance to explain the proposed budget for the Police Building expansion. Refer to proposal for budget details.

Rich Ligi explained there were unforeseen equipment and electrical expenses because they had planned to relocate existing equipment to the basement. This equipment is no longer being built and they cannot get parts to modify what they have. The Police Dept. will need a new recorder, server and all the wiring all to be redone. There are also 911 upgrades that need to be done for compliancy.

Wiring for the phone system has to be completely redone to meet State regulations. This is a mandated cost. The additional costs will be biddable by vendors the Town currently uses.

R. Ligi said the Town needs a 4 -position communication center for when they are very busy. A 4-position communication center will meet Town needs for the next 15 years.

Lockers and storage are needed as records go back to the 1950's. They must be kept due to the "Records Retention Act".

There is a need for police lockers with a secure drawer for keeping guns.  
R. Ligi said they need 50 new lockers, not 72.

Window treatments, \$23,000, were removed from the proposal. They were light blocking shades for solar protection. This can be done later or partially.

A. Bodner did not feel enough could be changed now to change the bottom line.

R. Zini was asked if there would be an owner representative on site full time. The project is not large enough to retain an owner's rep full time. However, the architect represents the Town and will be onsite frequently.

A. Bodner noted the current proposal is only through the design phase. The BOS needs the architect's proposal for the construction process right away.

R. Zini said he would have that by Thursday.

R. Marconi said Aquarion Water Company has not gotten back to the Town about whether or not the size of the water main is adequate for the automatic sprinklers.

R. Ligi would like to have everything ready to put out to bid right after the referendum.

R. Ligi said they would try to get a State grant for \$90 – 100,000 for the elevator for ADA compliance and he will look into a grant for the generator through Homeland Security.

The Police Commission is on board with this proposal.

Police Capital Budget – a request for a used pick up truck was removed.

The request for hearing protection should be moved to the operating budget.

The request to replace mobile computers should be put in the IT budget with all the other computers equipment.

Canine Capital Budget – Represents the need for plumbing upgrades, a washer and dryer and cabinets. Cabinets should be delayed.

The Police Department Challenge was \$44,000. R. Ligi said he could come up with about \$18,300

The increase in custodian hours is due to the construction starting in September. There will be additional dust and clean-up required. This should be added to the construction capital budget.

## 2. Conservation Commission Budget

B. Oko said funding is needed to replace bridges in open space. Many have not been replaced in 10 – 20 years. The Conservation Commission tries to get Eagle Scouts to do the labor. The first group of bridges would cost \$4,000.

All donations to the Conservation Commission go to purchase open space property.

**Di Masters made a motion to adjourn at 10:26 p.m. The motion was seconded by B. Manners and approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne Wolnick – Secretary