

Budget Committee Meeting for Proposed Town Budget

March 7, 2017

Members present: Chairman Smith, Mr. Spaulding, Selectman Stewart, Mr. Rumph and Mr. Frampton

Others present. Mr. Schulte, Mrs. DeSisto, Mr. Maher, Mr. McGuckin, Mr. Greeley, Mrs. Finn, Mrs. Rosenson, and Christiane McAllister.

Meeting called to order at 5:02 p.m.

Mr. Smith opened the meeting having the Mr. Greeley and the Library Trustees explain the proposed increase in the library's budget.

Mr. Greeley explained that the position should be compensated with retirement as the position now has reached full time hours. Without this retirement package the Librarian will have to cut back on existing programs. Mr. McGuckin asked how does lack of retirement affect the programs. Mr. Greeley explained that the job has surpassed the 34.5 hour, or part time status, and the extra hours or full time status should be compensated. Certain programs will have to be eliminated if not compensated properly.

Mr. Stewart Gave and overview of the librarians' package including health care. Mrs. Rosenson, Mrs. Finn and Mrs. DeSisto also spoke in favor of the retirement package explaining the amount of work and good the library does for

the community. Ms. McAllister, the towns accountant, explained that because the librarian is not a town employee that the retirement is not the same as town employees. It was also mentioned that if the retirement package was not approved by the Selectman or the Budget Committee that a retirement package can still be offered with what's already in the library budget. The budget Committee asked for breakdown of the Library's budget for the next meeting. No votes were made and committee will talk more next meeting, March 21, 2017.

Minutes from February 14th, were amended and approved.

Mr. Stewart handed out a newly upgraded and page numbered proposed town budget. The committee then ran through questions from the committee. These questions and answers are entered into the town log.

The committee has asked for the Library's line item budget, for the V and E fund, The road fund and for the explanation of the vehicle maintenance of the fire budget.

Next meeting is the 21st of March.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Truthfully Submitted

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