

PUBLIC HEARING
Selectmen Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2013

In Attendance: George Lawrence, Michael Conlin, Benjamin Cargill

7:00pm Selectman Lawrence opened the hearing with the Pledge of Allegiance.
The purpose of the hearing is to receive public input regarding the proposed 2013 budget.
Each department budget proposed by the Board of Selectmen was reviewed.

Assessors \$24,583

Associations \$9,066

Auditor \$12,500

Building Permit \$6,749

Cemetery \$30,869

Communications \$70,830 addition of Code Red, FAC was not in favor.

Conservation Commission \$1,875

Debt Service \$50,490

Elections & \$5,000

Emergency Management \$12,370

Fire \$117,592

General Government Buildings \$58,644, Beverly Vaillancourt noted that the roof over Green Center has a known leak. Administrator will speak with Director Goewey regarding the roof. Add pool electric change to \$61,144

Health \$2,000

Insurances \$42,181

Landfill Cap Testing \$10,918

Legal \$30,000

Moderator \$788

Recreation \$14,632 David Lage asked about adult recreation programs and asked that they keep it.

Patriotic Purposes \$1,600

Planning Board \$6,900, increase due updating master plan and to rewriting of impact fee.

Police \$809,000 Benti Hoiska asked if the increase was attributed to the payment to former Chief Chamberlain. Yes, it includes salary and benefits and the starting pay for the officer salaries has been increased. The town currently has 5 full time officers. Mr. Jones asked if there are enough vehicles for the increased staff. Yes, the staff is the same as it was originally budgeted for and the vehicles required are the same.

Pool \$27,565 The pool is responsible for the electricity of all the park functions. David Lage said that the FAC was understanding that the Pool Revolving Fund was to be used to cover chemicals and pool related items such as opening and closing costs.. Selectman Conlin made a motion to move the electricity of \$2,500 to General Government Buildings. Pool reduced to \$25,065

Public Works \$701,059 discussion occurred on the amount of crushed gravel on hand, the cost of fuel and a potential lease of a vehicle. A lease must go before the voters unless there is a non appropriation clause. Selectmen Cargill made a motion to remove the crushed gravel down to \$1.00 2nd Selectmen Conlin. \$692,060 approved by Selectmen.

Street Lighting \$20,000
Tax Collector \$30,731
Town Clerk \$62,091
Town Office \$275,025
Transfer Station \$61,065
Treasurer \$25,810
Trustees of Trust Funds \$5,353
Welfare \$46,552
Zoning \$1,545
Interest on TAN (Tax anticipation note)
Total budget \$2,566,384, \$2,500,000 will be recommended to town Approved 3-0..

Revenues 2013 projected \$2,788,926 based on 2012 actual.

David Lage asked in the default why is the one time salary not removed. Employees were compensated and that is not a one time cost. Where there other costs that could be considered one time? Mike Conlin thinks that there are. Selectman Lawrence said that the law is unclear on the default budget.

Warrant Articles –

Article 4. \$2,566,384 budget, \$2,500,000 default Selectmen recommend 3-0

Article 5. \$250,000 to rebuild roads, non lapsing Selectmen recommend 3-0

Article 6. \$350,000 to rebuild roads, non lapsing. Selectmen recommend 3-0

Article 7. \$40,000 engineering costs, non lapsing. Selectmen recommend 3-0

Article 8. \$163,500 Capital Reserve contribution. Selectmen recommend 3-0

Selectman Cargill made a motion to create separate capital reserve warrant article requests, no second.

David Lage suggested increasing the Police Cruiser capital reserve and decrease Building Maintenance Capital reserve. Selectman Conlin made a motion to increase the Police Cruiser by \$5,000 to \$15,000 and decrease Building Maintenance by \$5,000 to \$25,000 2nd Selectman Cargill motion passed in favor 3-0.

Selectmen approved \$163,000 3-0.

Article 9. \$75,000 Pool Maintenance Selectmen recommend 3-0. FAC recommended 4-0.

Article 10. \$35,000 New Ipswich Library. Selectmen recommend 3-0

Article 11. \$71,311 Ambulance. Selectmen recommend 3-0

Article 12. use of debit/credit cards submitted by petition

Article 13. \$6,300 Regional Health Services . Selectmen recommended 3-0, FAC 4-0

Article 14. create Revolving Account Green Center. Article withdrawn

Article 15. create Revolving Account for cable services Selectmen recommended 3-0

Article 16. \$46,000 demolish building #2 submitted by petition. Selectmen do not recommend 3-0.

Article 17. \$25,000 repaving parking lot. Selectmen recommend 3-0, FAC 3-0 1 abstain

Article 18. \$200,000 building and or building & land. David Lage said that buildings that house emergency services Police, Fire, are regulated. Selectmen Conlin defended the article based on the needs of the Police Dept. Selectman Cargill is not in favor of the article. Finance Advisory does not recommend 4-0. Article withdrawn.

Article 19. \$100,000 engineering study for Emergency Services. Selectmen Recommend
Selectman Cargill made a motion to reduce the fee to \$50,000, 2nd Selectman Lawrence
motion passed in favor 3-0. Selectmen recommend 3-0.

David Lage asked if the replacement of the Town Administrator is being worked on. The
Selectmen have received almost 30 applications.

10:00pm Sealed Non Public Selectman Conlin made a motion to enter non public RSA
91A:3II(e), 2nd Selectman Cargill motion passed in favor 3-0 roll call vote.
Selectman Conlin made a motion to end non public session, 2nd Selectman Cargill motion
passed in favor 3-0.
Selectman Conlin made a motion to seal the minutes, 2nd Selectman Cargill motion
passed in favor 3-0.

10:20pm Selectman Lawrence asked if the members have reviewed the applications.
Selectman Conlin asked Administrator Knowlton to review the applications and choose
the top 10.

Department of Labor fine
Selectman Conlin made a motion to pay the fine out of 2012 legal, 2nd Selectman
Lawrence motion passed in favor 3-0.

10:45pm Selectman Conlin made a motion to adjourn, 2nd Selectman Cargill motion
passed in favor 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marie Knowlton, Town Administrator

George Lawrence

Michael Conlin

Benjamin Cargill