

**BUDGET MEETING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
March 7, 2008**

MINUTES

The Board met in Special Session at 8:00 a.m. in its meeting room at Abbot Hall.

Present (constituting a quorum):

Harry C. Christensen, Jr., Chairman
Jackie Belf-Becker
Judith R. Jacobi
William L. Woodfin, II

Anthony M. Sasso, Town Administrator

MINUTES. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of February 27, 2008. All in favor.

REVOLVING FUND. Re-authorization. Historical Commission. Motion made and seconded to re-authorize the Historical Commission Gift Shop Revolving Fund in the amount of \$13,000 in fiscal 2008 for the use of the Historical Commission to be taken from Historical Commission revenues from the sale of items at the gift shop operated by said commission; said appropriation to be used for expenses of operating gift shop; and expended by the Commission. All in favor.

ANIMAL CONTROL. Kenneth Harvey, canine Geeno. Kenneth Harvey appeared before the Board to update them on the use of the muzzle on Geeno. After review, motion made and seconded to remove the previous muzzle obligation on Geeno and for Mr. Harvey to keep Geeno on a strong leash, no more than 6 feet in length and be under his control at all times. The Board will review this situation again at their March 26th meeting. All in favor.

BUDGETS.

Police Department. Robert Picariello, Chief of Police, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2009. Motion made and seconded to approve \$2,799,422 for Salaries, \$187,612 for Expense, \$10,000 for Indemnification of Officers, for a total operating budget of \$2,997,034. All in favor.

Animal Control Officer. Robert Picariello, Chief of Police, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2009. Motion made and seconded to approve \$65,393 for Salaries, \$4,787 for Expense, for a total operating budget of \$70,180. All in favor.

Animal Inspector. Robert Picariello, Chief of Police, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2009. Motion made and seconded to approve \$1,200 for Salaries, for a total operating budget of \$1,200. All in favor.

Fire Department. Fire Chief Barry Dixey appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2009. Motion made and seconded to approve \$2,671,180 for Salaries, \$129,818 for Expense, for a total operating budget of \$2,800,998. All in favor.

Harbors and Waters Department. Charles Dalferro, Harbormaster and Gary Gregory, chairman of the Harbors and Waters Board and John Doub, Harbors and Waters Board, appeared before the Board of Selectmen to present their proposed budget for FY 2009. Motion made and seconded to approve \$297,833 for Salaries, \$204,555 for Expense, \$49,500 for Bonds and Interest, \$300,000 for Capital Outlays, for a total operating budget of \$851,888. All in favor.

Highway Department. Dana Snow, Director of Public Works, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2009. Motion made and seconded to approve \$637,889 for Salaries, \$85,934 for Expense, \$12,150 for Rebuild/Hot Top Streets, \$100,000 for Snow Removal, \$16,600 for Maintain/Rebuild Sidewalks, for a total operating budget of \$852,573. All in favor.

Veterans' Agent. David C. Rodgers, Veterans' Agent, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2009. Motion made and seconded to approve \$54,528 for Salaries, \$1,243 for Expense, \$1,100 for Local Travel, \$17,000 for Benefits, for a total operating budget of \$73,871. All in favor.

Memorial Day. David C. Rodgers, Veterans' Graves Officer, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2009. Motion made and seconded to approve \$1,950 for Expense, for a total operating budget of \$1,950. All in favor.

Sealer of Weights and Measures. David C. Rodgers, Sealer of Weights and Measures, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2009. Motion made and seconded to approve \$150 for Expense, for a total operating budget of \$150. All in favor.

Jim Nye arrived at meeting at 8:58am.

Engineering Department. Douglas Saal, Town Engineer, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2009. Motion made and seconded to approve \$112,196 for Salaries, \$10,395 for Expense, \$500 for Local Travel, for a total operating budget of \$123,091. All in favor.

Building Inspection Department. Robert Ives, Building Commissioner, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2009. Motion made and seconded to approve \$422,037 for Salaries, \$9,755 for Expense, \$3,000 for Local Travel, for a total operating budget of \$434,792. All in favor.

Public Buildings Department. Robert Ives, Superintendent of Public Buildings, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2009. Motion made and seconded to approve \$80,182 for Salaries, \$101,100 for Expense, \$400 for Local Travel, for a total operating budget of 181,682. All in favor.

Council on Aging. Patricia Roberts, Director of the Council on Aging appeared before the Board to present her proposed budget for FY 2009. Motion made and seconded to approve \$179,381 for Salaries, \$2,859 for Expense, for a total operating budget of \$182,240. All in favor.

Finance Department. John J. McGinn, Finance Director, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2009. Motion made and seconded to approve \$601,046 for Salaries, \$246,205 for Expense, \$2,695,000 for Maturing Debt, \$1,554,372 for Interest, \$400,000 for Medicare, \$9,991,656 for Group Insurance, \$140,253 for Non-Contributory Retirement, for a total operating budget of \$15,628,532. All in favor.

Workmens Compensation. John McGinn, Finance Director, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2009. Motion made and seconded to approve \$250,000 for Workmen's Compensation, for a total operating budget of \$250,000. All in favor.

Selectmen's Department. Anthony M. Sasso, Town Administrator, presented the proposed budget for FY 2009. Motion made and seconded to approve \$318,922 for Salaries, \$92,163 for Expense, \$7,000 for Zoning Board of Appeals Legal Services, \$2,000 for Out-of-State Travel, \$4,300 for Town Reports, \$38,000 for Audit of Accounts, \$117,550 for Street Lighting, \$475,888 for Other Insurance, 110,770 for Salary Reserve, \$404,200 for Energy Reserve, for a total operating budget of \$1,576,293. All in favor.

Parking Clerk. Anthony M. Sasso, Town Administrator, presented the proposed budget for FY 2009. Motion made and seconded to approve \$15,484 for Expense, for a total operating budget of \$15,484. All in favor.

Town Counsel. Anthony M. Sasso, Town Administrator presented the proposed budget for FY 2009. Motion made and seconded to approve \$2,000 for Salaries, \$62,932 for Expense, for a total operating budget of \$64,932. All in favor.

RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS. Veterans Agent. Motion made and seconded to authorize David Rodgers, Veterans Agent, to appear before the Finance Committee to request the transfer of the sum of \$1600 from the Reserve Fund in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 6 of the Massachusetts General Laws for Veterans Benefits. All in favor.

RETIREMENT. Engineering. A letter was read from Douglas W. Saal notifying the Board of his intent to retire on June 5, 2009. Motion made and seconded to accept with regret Doug Saal's letter. All in favor.

CONDOLENCE. Motion made and seconded to send a letter of condolence to the family of Linda Fuller. All in favor.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 9:55am. All in favor.

Kyle Wiley
Administrative Aide