

BUDGET MEETING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

March 9, 2006

The Board met in Special Session at 3:00 p.m. in its meeting room at Abbot Hall.

Present (constituting a quorum):

Judith R. Jacobi, Chairman
Jeffrey N. Shribman, Jackie Belf-Becker
Anthony M. Sasso, Town Administrator

BUDGETS.

Police Department. James R. Carney, Chief of the Police Department, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2007. Motion made and seconded to approve \$2,556,086 for Salaries. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$187,612 for Expense. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$10,000 for Indemnification of Officers. All in favor.

Animal Control Officer. James R. Carney, Chief of Police, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2007. Motion made and seconded to approve \$59,939 for Salaries. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$4,787 for Expense. All in favor.

Animal Inspector. James R. Carney, Chief of Police, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2007. Motion made and seconded to approve \$1,200 for Salaries. All in favor.

Building Inspection Department. Robert Ives, Building Commissioner, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2007. Motion made and seconded to approve \$387,706 for Salaries. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$9,755 for Expense. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$3,000 for Local Travel. All in favor.

Public Buildings Department. Robert Ives, Superintendent of Public Buildings, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2007. Motion made and seconded to approve \$75,900 for Salaries. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$101,100 for Expense. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$400 for Local Travel. All in favor.

Finance Department. John J. McGinn, Finance Director, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2007. Motion made and seconded to approve \$536,602 for Salaries. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$160,705 for Expense. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$73,832 for Finance Outlays. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$2,775,000 for Maturing Debt. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$2,031,153.50 for Interest. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$365,000 for Medicare. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$8,851,170 for Group Insurance. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$166,108 for Non-Contributory Retirement. All in favor.

Selectman James E. Nye arrived at 3:30 p.m. when Mr. McGinn was speaking about debt service costs.

Workmens' Compensation. John J. McGinn, Finance Director, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2007. Motion made and seconded to approve \$200,000. for workmens' compensation. All in favor.

Highway Department. Thomas Murray, Director of Public Works, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2007 that did not include an amount for Private Ways. Motion made and seconded to approve \$646,573 for Salaries. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$85,934 for Expense. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$12,150 for Rebuild/Hot Top Streets. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$100,000 for Snow Removal. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$13,950 for Maintain/Rebuild Sidewalks. All in favor.

Council on Aging. Patricia Roberts, Director of the Council on Aging and Maureen Devaux appeared before the Board to present her proposed budget for FY 2007 that did not include a request for outlays. Motion made and seconded to approve \$140,140 for Salaries. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$2,859 for Expense. All in favor.

Engineering Department. Douglas Saal, Town Engineer, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2007. Motion made and seconded to approve \$103,972 for Salaries. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$10,395 for Expense. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$500 for Local Travel. All in favor.

Memorial Day. David C. Rodgers, Veterans' Graves Officer, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2007. Motion made and seconded to approve \$1,950 for Expenses. 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 2007. Motion made and seconded to approve \$150 for expense. All in favor.

Veterans' Agent. David C. Rodgers, Veterans' Agent, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2007. Motion made and seconded to approve \$49,762 for Salaries. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$1,243 for Expense. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$1,100 for Local Travel. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$12,000 for Benefits. All in favor.

Fire Department. Town Administrator Anthony M. Sasso spoke on behalf of Barry Dixey, Chief of the Fire Department, and presented Chief Dixey's proposed budget for FY 2007. Fire Captain Walter Conrad was also present. Motion made and seconded to approve \$2,405,363 for Salaries. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$117,063 for Expense. All in favor.

Selectmen's Department. Anthony M. Sasso, Town Administrator, presented the proposed budget for FY 2007 *that did not include an amount for Officials Events*. Motion made and seconded to approve \$5,500-for Officials Expense. Three in favor. Mr. Nye voted present. Motion made and seconded to approve \$294,970 for Salaries. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$103,063 for Expense. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$7,000 for Zoning Board of Appeals Legal Services. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$2,000 for Out-of-State Travel. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$4,300 for Town Reports. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$32,000 for Audit of Accounts. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$291,000 for Energy Reserve. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$117,550 for Street Lighting. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$471,582 for Other Insurance. All in favor.

Parking Clerk. Anthony M. Sasso, Town Administrator, presented the proposed budget for FY 2007. Motion made and seconded to approve \$13,984 for Expense. All in favor.

Town Counsel. Anthony M. Sasso, Town Administrator presented the proposed budget for FY 2007. Motion made and seconded to approve \$2,000 for Salaries. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$32,936 for Expense. All in favor.

Telephone System Improvement. John J. McGinn asked that the Board approve a contract to be executed with T.W. Tech Voice and Data Communications, in the sum of \$14,500 to upgrade the telephone system serving the Town Office's at the Mary Alley Municipal Building on Widger Road. This would be a one-time investment with no expected maintenance costs. Motion made and second to approve the contract and to authorize Mrs. Jacobi to sign on behalf of the Board. All in favor.

The meeting went into recess at 4:12 p.m. and resumed at 4:20 p.m.

Harbors and Waters Department. Charles Dalferro, Harbormaster and Gary Gregory, chairman of the Harbors and Waters Board, appeared before the Board of Selectmen to present their proposed budget for FY 2007. Motion made and seconded to

approve \$266,641 for Salaries. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$194,864 for Expense. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$53,865-for Bonds and Interest. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$88,000 for Capital Outlays. All in favor.

Public comment ensued on the budget item for Capital Outlays from Jill Goodman of 25 Stramski Way and David Borden, 60 Pitman Road. Gary Gregory noted that the \$40,500 increase over the FY06 appropriation amount of \$47,500. is for the permitting process and landsite improvements that will be required in connection with the proposed removal of a road out of the Smith's property on Stramski's Way, to eliminate public encroachment thereon, creation of a new road nearby, installation of fencing to restrict vehicular traffic and delineation of parking areas. Ms. Goodman expressed concerns about the potential disturbance to wildlife and open space from blasting of ledge in the area. Mr. Borden expressed concern about this appropriation being a co-mingling of funds and that this is a way create parking by disturbing property. Mr. Shribman clarified that the Board is approving the Capital Outlay amount but that ultimate approval thereof is scheduled by the voters at Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Gregory pointed out that before any money was spent on this proposed project, should it be approved at Annual Town Meeting, an Order of Conditions would have to be first stipulated by the Conservation Commission. He also noted that a Public Hearing on this issue would be forthcoming prior to Annual Town Meeting.

Mr. Shribman recused himself from the balance of the meeting.

LEAD MILLS. Motion made and seconded to execute a letter addressed to Briony Angus, Massachusetts Environmental Protection Agency (MEPA) prepared by Lisa L. Mead, Esq. The letter recites a request to MEPA that MEPA require two Environmental Impact Reports to be conducted in connection with the proposed development of the Lead Mills site: one to be rendered in connection with the remediation of the site and one for the development thereof. Mr. Nye, Mrs. Belf-Becker and Mrs. Jacobi voted in favor.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Ursula M. Kretschman
Administrative Aide