

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING FEBRUARY 13, 2017

Chairman Walter called the meeting to order in the Board of Health office at 4 PM with Mr. Kiley also present. Mr. Hevy joined the meeting at 4:10.

Mr. Kiley stated that only 8 to 10 people make less than \$11 per hour. It would not cost much to bring those people up.

The Selectmen reviewed the Board of Health and Landfill budget. The salary line item has a 15% increase. Also, they are requesting \$13,000 for trash bags. They just received \$13,000 for trash bags in June. Mr. Kiley said that he would e-mail John Alphin and ask for more information.

Mr. Hevy suggested that the selectmen eliminate discussion on all of the budgets that are level funded and concentrate on the others. Mr. Kiley and Mrs. Walter agreed that this is an acceptable process for the first review, but these budgets may be scrutinized later on.

Mrs. Walter noted that Building Inspector John Couture is looking for a pay increase. Mr. Kiley and Mr. Hevy said that Mr. Couture should send a letter to the selectmen with a proposal. The Wiring and Plumbing Inspectors also would like revolving funds in order to increase their income.

The selectmen reviewed and approved the following budgets: Accountant, Building Inspector, Ambulance, Cemetery, Conservation, Council on Aging, CMRPC, the Finance Committee's Reserve Fund, Playground, Planning Board. The Town Beach budget was approved, but the Selectmen want to meet with East Brookfield for further discussions. The Town Forest Park budget was approved, as was Tree Maintenance, Veterans' Benefits, Plumbing Inspector, Wiring Inspector, ZBA and the Town Clerk.

The Selectmen reviewed the Library budget, and agreed to ask Ann Kidd to resubmit with all employees brought up to \$11 per hour.

Mr. Kiley and Mr. Hevy plan to attend Wednesday's Finance Committee meeting to discuss these budgets.

There being no further business, at 6:10 PM Mr. Hevy moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Scott Burton
Administrative Assistant