

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING MARCH 16, 2017

Mr. Kiley and Mr. Hevy began the meeting at the Town Offices at 4 PM. Mrs. Walter joined the meeting at 4:30 PM.

The Selectmen reviewed FY18 budget requests. Mr. Kiley briefly explained that he attended the Finance Committee meeting last week, and they are also working on the requests.

Building Inspector John Couture joined the meeting at 5:15 PM. He presented paperwork showing what inspectors in other towns are making for salary and benefits, and also showed how much his office has brought in for fees over the past five years. (Attachment #1) The five-year average of his department's revenue is over \$22,000.00, and his salary is \$14,000.00. He feels that he should be paid more. He is trying to increase his retirement benefit, and he would also like to be able to keep the position in North Brookfield after he retires from his full-time employment in Sutton.

The Selectmen discussed Mr. Couture's request, and agreed to add \$500 per year for a mileage allowance, in addition to his \$700 expense budget. The Selectmen asked if Mr. Couture would be amenable to a 75/25 split on fees, with the Town keeping 75% and Mr. Couture receiving 25%. Mr. Couture indicated that this would be acceptable.

After Mr. Couture left the meeting the Board discussed implementing the same type of fee split for the Electrical Inspector and also the Plumbing and Gas Inspector.

The Selectmen discussed the need to create and fund a Capital Planning Account for the town, and agreed that this should be placed on the May Annual Town Meeting warrant.

There being no further business, at 6:30 PM Mr. Hevy moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Scott Burton
Administrative Assistant