

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 29, 2016**

Present: Chair, Ladleah Dunn, Arthur Durity, Rosendel Gerry, Cathy Hardy, Keryn Laite, Jr. and Town Administrator, David Kinney

1. Citizens' Forum:

None

2. Public Input – Draft FY 17 Municipal Budget:

Cathy Hardy suggested that the public be allowed to participate in the Board deliberations of the draft budget as the Board went through the budget. By consensus the Board agreed. Chair Dunn then sought any general remarks from the public.

Jim Sinclair thanked the Board for with the current budget and its efforts with the exception of the cost of the High Street paving.

Tracy Colby suggested that times are tough with the Board hearing poverty abatements are ever meeting or at least once per month. She suggested that the Town send the school a “State of the Town” letter and perhaps arrange a meeting that everyone can make with the School Committee.

Jim Sinclair stated that Social Security was not designed to retire on. He expressed concerns that some thought taxpayers had an “endless pocket”.

A general discussion of school budgets and school department wages ensued.

3. Board of Selectmen – Draft FY 17 Municipal Budget Deliberations:

The Board decided to go through the budget page by page and hold discussions on any items of concern. No votes were taken. Consensus opinions are included within () and will be included within the next draft of the budget. Items discussed with no change are not listed.

Administration and Finance

Hardy suggested reducing the Computer Support line to \$5,000. (\$5,000)

Protection

Durity questioned whether or not the Board would consider investigating Waldo County provided Animal Control Officer services.

Hardy suggested reducing the Emergency Management Supply line to \$500. Gerry said he could support a \$500 reduction in the line from \$1,500 to \$1,000. (\$1,000).

Town Office

Hardy suggested reducing electricity to \$4,000. (\$4,000)

Hardy suggested reducing heating fuel to \$1,500. (\$1,500)

Dunn suggested reducing the custodian wages by \$908 (\$5,000)

Durity suggested incorporating the mowing at the harbor with the Town Office landscaping bid.

Public Works

Dunn asked for the graphics provided previously to the by All States Asphalt concerning delayed pavement maintenance.

Durity suggested adding a revenue/offset line of \$10,000 for harbor fees and donations so that the impact to the taxpayers would be lowered. (\$10,000)

Boards and Committees

Agreed by consensus to not carry forward Land Use Committee and Lakes and Ponds Committee funds.

Hardy suggested reducing Planning Board Secretary to \$2,000. (“not yet”)

Hardy suggested reducing Route 1 Advisory Committee to \$2,000. (“not yet”)

Municipal Support

Hardy requested the information on the LIA building condition.

Capital Improvement Program

Without a formalized plan (where, when and how much) it was suggested that the Harbor Improvements be set at \$0. (\$0)

The Board will consider adding in the cost of the proposed harbor study.

4. Adjourn:

Gerry made a motion to adjourn. Durity seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

David B. Kinney
Town Clerk