



TOWN OF NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES February 10, 2014

PRESENT:

Tina Helm, Chair
Peter Bianchi, Selectman
Janet Kidder, Selectman
Kim Hallquist, Town Administrator
Wendy Johnson, Finance Officer

ALSO PRESENT:

Doug MacMichael, New London Resident
Phyllis Piotrow, Budget Committee Member
Dianna Piotrow, New London Resident
Donna Larrow, Police Department Administrative Assistant
Ed Andersen, Acting Police Chief
Sandra Licks, Library Director
Bruce Hudson and Renate Kannler, New London Residents
John Wilson, Budget Committee Chair
Sean Carroll, Reporter for the Intertown Record
Jim Wheeler, New London Resident
Cicely Markoff, New London Community Center Committee Member
Gail Hedrington, WNTK

Chair Helm called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and announced that the Board planned to finalize the Selectmen's budget so it could be handed over to the Budget Committee on Wednesday evening, February 12th.

The Board reviewed the draft budget as prepared over several previous Selectmen's Meetings. Wendy Johnson, Finance Officer, read the department totals aloud:

There was a change in the Executive budget, line item #01-4130-100-130-00; instead of \$9,000 it should be \$6,000. Ms. Johnson said this would make the total for Executive \$277,481.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector & Elections: \$66,339

Finance: \$251,414

Re-Assessment of Property: \$88,300

Legal: \$25,200

Personnel Administration: \$81,862

Planning & Zoning: \$87,939

Buildings: \$177,325

Cemetery: \$23,902

Insurance: \$78,289

Advertising and Regional Associations: \$17,785

Police: \$970,923
Fire: \$314,399
Board of Firewards: \$541
Emergency Management: \$14,100 (includes funds to complete maintenance of the town's three generators.)
Dispatch: \$362,130
Highway Administration: \$850,353
Highways and Streets: \$500,000
Street Lighting: \$16,000
Transfer Station: \$399,422
Solid Waste Cleanup: \$16,000
Health Administration: \$5,436
Health Agencies: \$173,573
Welfare Administration: \$2,697
Intergovernmental Welfare: \$3,809
Welfare Payments: \$16,000
Recreation: \$146,651
Library: \$453,250
Patriotic Purposes: \$300
Other Culture & Recreation: \$1,000
Conservation: \$15,847
Energy: \$989
Other Conservation: \$25,800
Bonded Debt Principal: \$253,559
Bonded Debt Interest: \$89,390
Capital Outlay - Vehicles: \$179,500
Capital Outlay – Buildings: \$85,000
Capital Outlay - Improvements (a change was made to the Elkins Sidewalk Project total resulting in a decrease to \$134,038. This gives a new total of \$206,038, which is down from \$232,000).
Transfer to Capital Reserves: \$504,000
General Fund Total: \$6,782,543

Sewer Buildings: \$50,400
Sewer Collection/Disposal: \$541,878
Bonded Debt Principal: \$130,589
Interest: \$87,386
Capital Outlay – Vehicles and Machinery: \$25,000
Transfer to Capital Reserves: \$20,000
Total for Sewer: \$855,253

Grand Total: \$7,637,796

It was noted that the operating expense budget had an increase of 2.1%.

Selectman Bianchi asked if they'd be putting the firearm purchase into the Police Department's regular operating budget as opposed to creating a warrant article. Ms. Hallquist said if they do it this way, they can show the revenue from the trade-in of the old guns on the revenue side of the budget. Whatever an item will cost, they have to appropriate the gross amount. Chair Helm said as long as the trade-in value shows up on the revenue side, she was fine with not taking an extra step of writing a warrant article to ask that the funds from the trade-in go toward the new firearms.

Chief Andersen said if it was done through a warrant article, he would have no problem standing at Town Meeting to explain it. If it was a part of the budget, however, he wouldn't need to do so. Ms. Piotrow wondered how much money they thought they would get from the old firearms and asked who would be purchasing them. Chief Andersen said "Interstate Arms" would be purchasing the firearms and the only cost they would need to expend would be to get new holsters and magazine pouches that would fit the new firearms. It was anticipated that it would be close to an even swap of the old guns with the new ones. Chair Helm said she was happy to keep this expense within the operating budget and not create a warrant article. Selectmen Kidder and Bianchi agreed that this was fine.

**IT WAS MOVED (Peter Bianchi) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to approve the budget of \$7,637,796, as presented on February 10, 2014.
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chair Helm said she would like to defer discussion of potential individual warrant articles for their next meeting. The Board noted that the meeting tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, February 12 would not be needed. The next meeting of the Board would be held on Tuesday, February 18 at 8:00am. It was noted that the Board will hear from Fred Downey of the New Kearsarge Community Center group at the Board's Monday, February 24th meeting.

Approval of Minutes of January 27, 2014

IT WAS MOVED (Peter Bianchi) and seconded (Janet Kidder) to approve the minutes of January 27, 2014, as amended. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

**IT WAS MOVED (Janet Kidder) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to move into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (d) for the negotiation of the lease for the 1941 building.
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Kidder: yes, Helm: yes, Bianchi: yes

The Board returned to the public session at 7:11 PM. Chair Helm said she would not be present at the March 1st Citizens Advisory Committee meeting. It was decided to re-schedule this meeting to the following Saturday, March 8, 2014.

Upcoming Selectmen's meeting dates were scheduled as follows:

March 10, 8am, March 24, 6pm

April 7, 8am, April 21, 6pm

May 5, 8am, May 12, 6pm

**IT WAS MOVED (Peter Bianchi) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to adjourn the meeting.
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Heath, Recording Secretary
Town of New London