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Budget Committee Meeting Meeting Minutes March 4, 2015

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Rob Prohl (Chair), Joe Cardillo (Vice-Chair), Suzanne Jesseman, John Wilson, Christopher Lorio, Larry Dufault, Bill Green, Phyllis Piotrow, Nancy Rollins (Board of Selectmen's Representative), Bruce Hudson (via telephone)

STAFF PRESENT:

Kimberly Hallquist, Town Administrator
Wendy Johnson, Finance Officer

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ed Andersen, Police Chief
Donna Larrow, Police Department Administrative Assistant
Peter Bianchi, Selectman
Linda Hardy, Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Bill Hardy, New London Resident
Jason Lyon, Fire Chief
Richard Lee, Public Works Director
Sandra Licks, Library Director
Jim Wheeler, New London Resident
David Keith, New London Police Officer
Michaela Grenham, Police Department Intern

Chair Prohl called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Minutes of February 25, 2015

IT WAS MOVED (Phyllis Piotrow) AND SECONDED (Bill Green) to approve the minutes of February 25, 2015, as amended. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Selectmen's Report – Nancy Rollins, Selectmen's Representative

Selectman Rollins said the Selectmen had a brief discussion about the report on Whipple Hall from Dennis Mires, PA. The Building Committee will be reviewing this report to give their input. The Town has also been made aware of bridge deficiencies on Brookside Drive via a letter from DOT. Resolving this problem will not be an inexpensive task. Lastly, the Selectmen have decided to increase the payment into the Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund from \$100,000 to \$150,000.

Request to Allow Budget Committee Member to Participate via Telephone

Bruce Hudson requests to participate via telephone from Utah.

IT WAS MOVED (John Wilson) AND SECONDED (Larry Dufault) to approve the participation of Bruce Hudson via telephone per RSA 91-A:2, III (a).

Ms. Piotrow said the new members of the Budget Committee didn't know that they were allowed to do this and she was told last year that she couldn't vote via proxy when she was ill. She thinks new members should be informed at the start of each session that if they are unable to attend for a legitimate reason, they can still participate via telephone. Mr. Lorio asked if Skype could have been used; he was absent at the last meeting and it would have been good to know that it was available. Ms. Hallquist explained that an absent member can't vote by proxy (give another board member permission to vote on their behalf), however he or she may participate in a meeting if the members present allow it and if the absent member can hear everything that is happening at the meeting and those in attendance at the meeting can hear the absent member. She noted that currently the Town does not have a laptop computer with the ability to Skype, but there is a conference call telephone available that allows simultaneous communication necessary to participate outside of the meeting.

Chair Prohl called for a vote: **THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Review of Capital Reserve Fund Committee FY2016 Transfers to Capital Reserve
Town Buildings

Chair Prohl explained that the Capital Reserve Fund Committee (CRFC), which included himself, Nancy Rollins, John Wilson and Joe Cardillo, met with department heads to discuss the needs of the various departments. The committee came up with recommendations for funding of capital reserve funds in the coming fiscal year. The Budget Committee reviewed those recommendations as well as the Selectmen's decisions on the various funds.

Mr. Cardillo said there have been studies done to Whipple Hall which has given the Town a clear number of the long and short-term needs of that building and he suggested that the town may want to consider a bond for the work to be done. He noted that \$575,000 is the projected amount to get everything done, which, if bonded, would be spread out over 10 years with a low interest rate and they wouldn't have to pay it all at once. The cost would be shared over the years by current and future taxpayers. He thought they should do the same thing with the Academy Building; they know it will be over \$150,000 to replace the siding and paint the building, and he sees that history is repeating itself. He feels the Selectmen should have a year to address all the issues of the building and deal with them all at once. Mr. Cardillo noted that in addition to the siding, there is a need for sprinklers and insulation issues to address at the Academy Building; he suggests not funding the \$150,000 as recommended by the Selectmen this year and allow some time to get a big picture of what needs to be done and then bonding for it all.

Ms. Piotrow thought Mr. Cardillo was correct about determining how to address the needs at Whipple Hall but thinks they also need to determine what the future of Whipple Hall will be. The Academy Building is a different situation. Last week, Bruce Parsons and Frank Anzalone said the building needs new siding as it is in bad shape and is possible that the infrastructure under the siding is damaged. They can go get more estimates to take care of the siding replacement. Not much work is needed on the inside of the building and can be done after the siding is addressed. Ms. Piotrow said once they get the siding done, they can then focus on Whipple Hall which is more complex and will take much thought and town input. Mr. Cardillo thought the townspeople should weigh in on how they spend their tax dollars at the Academy Building. There will be less impact on the taxpayers to get the work done by bond rather than by piecemeal. People do this kind of thing with their own homes to make big upgrades or repairs. He suggests getting the bond together now for this year that could accomplish all the needs of the Academy Building. He fears throwing good money after bad.

Mr. Green said a year ago in February they were discussing the same issue; figuring out what the needs of the Town buildings are. He thinks they need to start with getting the status and condition of each building and make a plan from this information. Otherwise they are going to keep doing things via piecemeal and

in phases. He wonders how long it will take to compile this information. Mr. Cardillo senses there are more issues with the Academy Building than just siding. They want to take care of the building and do it right as it will be used for many years to come.

Mr. Lorio wonders what the scope is; just siding and painting or is it windows, sprinkler system, etc. Where does the scope stop and how much does the Town want to spend on these things for the future. Someone has to define the scope and determine how far they want to go.

Selectman Rollins said they have not been able to define the scope in a short period of time. They have had two studies done at Whipple; the Academy Building has been looked at and an estimate has been provided for the siding work. There are immediate needs of the outside envelope of the Academy Building. The conditions of the outside are only exacerbating the problems of the building. They have a lengthy list of things in the Town that are expensive to deal with. Looking at Whipple Hall's future will not be a quick task. To not address the immediate issues is a big mistake and none of them would do that with their own homes. If they don't have sufficient information to go to the taxpayers with, it will be hard to talk about scope and a large plan. They have immediate needs and it is a prudent thing to deal with them immediately. Mr. Lorio said it sounds as if this has been discussed in the past and he wonders how long until these things will be discussed and decisions made.

Mr. Green said last year, Bruce Parsons, Frank Anzalone and Jim Wheeler (Buildings Committee members) were given the charge to look into these things. He agreed that these things can't get done in a short period of time. Chair Prohl thinks it is important to get more than one bid on something like this. He understands that the exterior is a big problem. Ms. Piotrow said the estimate that was given was just that; an estimate. It wasn't a bid. She noted that at a recent Selectmen's meeting, Bruce Parsons and Frank Anzalone suggested getting the siding taken care of and then take care of Whipple Hall. She thinks the two buildings should be addressed separately so as not to confuse the taxpayers. Ms. Piotrow pointed out that Mr. Mires' report says that Whipple Hall is in the typical shape of a building its age that has had very little maintenance. She feels this is the problem: very little maintenance.

Jim Wheeler said he started the Building Committee and brought Bruce Parsons and Frank Anzalone in to help. They set up an order of buildings to look at in terms of what they thought they could deal with quickly. The Gazebo roof was leaking and there were holes in it, so this is where they started. They didn't look at the underpinnings as the structure appeared stable. They spent a lot of time looking at the Academy Building and had an engineer look at the sagging roof. The engineer who inspected the roof suggested that a gauge be placed so that they could see visually if there was a shift in the roof. Ms. Hallquist said the gauge had been checked and she was happy to report there had been no shift in the roof since the gauge was installed.

Mr. Wheeler said he hasn't talked to Mr. Parsons and Mr. Anzalone about the siding, but he didn't think that the siding replacement was a critical need. They did note, however, that it needed attention. If it could be bonded, great. But just throwing \$150,000 of taxpayer money at it wasn't the best idea. He thinks a full comprehensive report should be made before they decide what to do via committee.

Chair Prohl said the Selectmen's budget has a 7.4% increase. One of the ideas of bonding is to provide an even budget increase. He was concerned about spikes in the budget because it affects taxpayers in a negative way. If bonds were used, they could drop some of the expenses that they have in the budget and could lower the budget increase to around 4%. He prefers to keep the spikes from happening.

Selectman Rollins asked Mr. Wheeler what happened to the Buildings Committee. Mr. Wheeler said the roof of the gazebo was leaking and needed attention so was taken care of first. The energy audit of the

Academy Building was done some years ago but he didn't think they did a blower door test so they were hesitant to use the data from the study to determine what the building needed. The committee looked at Whipple Hall as well and found it to be a complicated building and the Town paid to have an engineer come and look at it. The analysis of the buildings kind of dragged on; they didn't have a deadline that was set by the Selectmen. The members of the committee are busy and have families and they just never went anywhere with it. Selectman Rollins wondered what assurance they would have that they (the committee) would have something of substance to justify a large bond to attract larger companies to come and bid on the work that needs to be done. Mr. Wheeler thought the needs of the Academy Building were much simpler to define than those at Whipple Hall. It wouldn't take a substantial amount of time to compile the information for the Academy Building.

Mr. Lorio thinks perhaps getting a consultant to come in to look at the buildings and give a clear picture of what needs to be done would be helpful. Chair Prohl said it has been frustrating for many of them to wait for decisions on things like the building needs list and whether or not to keep dispatch in New London. He feels these decisions can only be made with a unified and focused Select Board. Ms. Piotrow said the Selectmen did make a decision to put the money into the capital reserve to get the siding taken care of.

Mr. Cardillo isn't convinced that they need one huge bond for both buildings. He agrees that the Selectmen have been making some decisions but those decisions will likely have a big impact on taxpayers in the Town. He is suggesting spreading out some of these costs over 10 years. He doesn't think the Academy building will be any worse for wear if they wait another 15 months to replace the siding.

Chair Prohl asked Richard Lee, Public Works Director, for his thoughts. Mr. Lee said he has been charged to fix and maintain the Town's buildings and he has been trying to do that. He noted that the windows in the Academy Building were chosen for the appearance so to best keep the character of the original building. Now they are finding that the windows are not as tight as they should be. The Whipple Hall report recommends addressing many of the things he has been concerned with. He noted that he did some research on one of the suggested heating systems and found that it shuts down at six degrees. He concluded that there is still a lot of work to be done before selections on repairs for Whipple can be made. Mr. Lee said he feels fixing the siding on the Academy Building is a maintenance issue that should be addressed now. He agrees that sprinkling the building is something that could be bonded and done in the future. He expressed his frustration at trying to maintain the buildings only to have projects put off year after year.

Mr. Dufault observed that there is \$117,000 in the Building Maintenance fund now. He questioned if \$50,000 is added to the fund, would they have enough to get done what is needed? Mr. Lee said his one estimate for re-siding the Academy Building is \$150,000 and he allowed another \$10,000 to deal with rot underneath parts of the building, making the total \$160,000. Mr. Dufault suggested that \$50,000 could take care of what they need to re-side and still deal with the rot. Selectman Rollins said the \$150,000 was suggested so that other smaller, short-term maintenance issues at Whipple Hall could be addressed along with the Academy building siding.

Addressing the issue of siding the building before addressing the sprinkler system, Chief Lyon said they will use interior walls to run piping (for sprinkling). He noted that the Academy Building has good insulation so he didn't think they would do anything to the exterior that would affect the siding in the future, concluding that sprinkling the building would not affect the siding in any way.

Mr. Hudson said he has seen many things being piecemealed when it comes to maintenance and care of numerous buildings in the town. He was concerned with throwing good money after bad and thought they

should push the Academy siding project out another year to get some solid information and estimates to figure out what it would cost to take care of the Academy Building and spread it out over time.

Mr. Cardillo said if the Selectmen want to deal with short-term maintenance issues at Whipple, as well as the siding at the Academy Building, they could bond for both. Mr. Lee said the life-safety updates and repairs were the things at Whipple Hall that were added to the building maintenance capital reserve along with the siding for the Academy Building. Ms. Piotrow said they all heard Steve Ensign say that interest rates were going to go up and construction costs never go down. She doesn't think siding replacement needed to have engineering consultation; there were many good, local companies around that could do the work.

Mr. Cardillo said if they want to make all of these upgrades, the prudent way is to spread the payment out; they can't ask the taxpayers to spend \$350,000 this year. He would like to encourage that a warrant article show up with a number for a bond. He thought they should get together with the Selectmen to determine how much they need.

Dr. Wilson said he sees up to \$650,000 minimum going into Whipple Hall and \$250,000 going into the Academy Building. This is about a million dollars; a bond for this amount over 10 years at about 3% interest would cost about \$117,000 per year. In 2017 there are two bonds that are coming due: one for \$525,000 and one for \$497,000. The interest rates are expected to go up in the next six months. This is another good reason to bond earlier than later. He feels there are two major projects, and possibly a third, being the lagoons. Rot seems to show up everywhere. If they have a million dollar bond, at least they will have this line of credit they can rely on. He feels they need an integrated program to make sure they do it right; if they decide after putting the siding on that the windows are terrible and need to be replaced, they will need to rip off the siding to put new windows in. He agrees that they are all anxious to get things started.

Ms. Hallquist pointed out that the Selectmen have voted \$150,000 to be added to the Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund and that amount will be on the warrant unless the Selectmen decide otherwise. The Budget Committee will be asked to recommend or not recommend, but the \$150,000 will be on the warrant if the Selectmen decide to put it there. It was noted that there is still a reconciliation meeting where the Selectmen and Budget Committee can meet and try to come to common ground.

IT WAS MOVED (Joe Cardillo) AND SECONDED (Bill Green) to reduce the amount to be put into the Building Maintenance Capital Reserve to \$0.

Ms. Piotrow thinks it will be difficult to get enough information for the voters to convince them that a million dollar bond is necessary. It will take time to figure out Whipple Hall and what the needs and the future use of the Hall are.

Mr. Green wondered what it would cost to do the intended work at Whipple Hall. Mr. Lee said they planned to paint the trim, paint the cupola and re-glaze the windows, and treat and oil the gutters. This would come to about \$15,000. They have planned to spend \$47,600 in life saving measures (re-wiring, exit signs, stairs). Mr. Green thought they had this amount of money already in the building maintenance fund. He also thought that sections of Academy Building that needed to be replaced could be done to give them a year longer without doing a complete replacement. Mr. Cardillo thinks they still need to use a bond.

Chair Prohl called for a vote:

THE MOTION PASSED. 8 were in favor of the motion, 2 were opposed.

Sidewalk Project

Chair Prohl indicated both the Capital Reserve Fund Committee (SRF) and the Selectmen approved \$30,000.

Mr. Lee explained that the sidewalk project these funds refer to is to build two phases of new sidewalk. One section would run from the elementary school to Homan's Corner. The other section would run from Seamans Road to the other side of Colby-Sawyer College. They will wait until they have enough funding to do one side at a time. Ms. Johnson (Finance Officer) said 2017 was the year the the first phase was planned. Mr. Lee estimates it will be \$120,000 for each phase.

Mr. Wheeler thinks they earmarked the money in this fund for their portion of the Elkin's project. Ms. Johnson said the fund he is thinking about is the Intersection and Sidewalk fund.

IT WAS MOVED (Bill Green) AND SECONDED (Suzanne Jesseman) to appropriate \$30,000 for the Sidewalk Project. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Bridge Repair and Maintenance Fund

Chair Prohl said the recommendation from both the CRFC and the Selectmen is \$5,000.

Mr. Lee said the culverts on Brookside Drive he has been talking about for the last six years are all on the State's red list now. If both happen to wash out, there are about 12 homes that will not be accessible unless the town rents a temporary bridge. It will cost about \$37,000 to engineer each bridge site, then there will be the cost for the new bridge. Mr. Lee noted that he has urged the Selectmen to request Town Meeting name the Selectmen as agents to expend the Bridge Repair and Maintenance Fund so engineering of at least one site be started. Mr. Lee said he is still not sure if the culverts can be replaced in kind. If they have to do something different than what they have now, it will cost more. There are six culverts (three at each site).

IT WAS MOVED (John Wilson) AND SECONDED (Joe Cardillo) to approve \$5,000 for the Bridge Repair and Maintenance Fund. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Fire Breathing Apparatus

IT WAS MOVED (Joe Cardillo) AND SECONDED (Suzanne Jesseman) to approve \$10,000 for the Fire Breathing Apparatus Fund. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Fire Vehicle Refurbish & Maintenance Fund

Chair Prohl said the CRFC recommended nothing be put in the fund because there was additional funding in the operating budget. The Selectmen put \$12,000 in as their recommendation.

Dr. Wilson said they (the Fire Department subcommittee and Chief Lyon) sat down and agreed they would bring the fund down to zero and put additional funding for maintenance into the operating budget. \$18,700 budgeted into the Fire Department's budget for this purpose. He understood that there was no expectation that it would be funded but now the administration decided to fund this capital reserve. Dr. Wilson explained that the Selectmen's rationale was that in the event of a catastrophic failure in the apparatus, more funding would be necessary than what is available in the operating budget. Chief Lyon said that a meeting was held after the subcommittee meeting when it was decided to add \$12,000 to this fund so that they would not have to scramble for funds in their budget or within other budgets, to repair the apparatus.

Mr. Green asked what the rationale was behind adding more money to the fund. Ms. Hallquist said there was only \$22 left in the capital reserve fund which wasn't enough to fix any catastrophic failure. She noted that as far as she was aware, there has never been any motion to discontinue the capital reserve fund, therefore, she recommended to the Selectmen that the fund should have money in it to serve the purposes for which the fund was established. Ms. Hallquist noted that the Selectmen are agents to expend the fund which suggested to her that town meeting voters wanted funds available should there be an emergency. She noted that capital reserve funds are an effective tool to ensure that funds are available when large pieces of equipment, like fire trucks, break down and need expensive repairs, repairs that are outside of what would be budgeted for routine maintenance like oil changes, tires and tune-ups.

Chief Lyon said this account was established after they experienced a catastrophic failure in an apparatus. Also, during a refurbishment, they found there were maintenance items that weren't being addressed. It was questioned whether or not they should be using capital reserve funds for general maintenance issues. He agreed that they shouldn't and they decided to move some of the maintenance items to the operating budget so they could get them done as needed. He was in favor of having a town-wide capital reserve account for all the departments due to the possibility of catastrophic events happening to other department's equipment/apparatus/vehicles. He feels that setting some money aside is beneficial and they believe it prudent to have some funding mechanism for emergency repair and refurbishment. Every 10 years they should be doing some refurbishment. He was fine with this fund going before the voters and having it encompass the entire town's departments.

Chair Prohl said there is \$12,700 in the Vehicle Repair and Maintenance line and it has been this way over the last six years. He asked what would happen if they took \$6,000 out of the operating budget and put this amount in the capital reserve instead. Chief Lyon said this would create the issue with continued deferred maintenance.

IT WAS MOVED (Chris Lorio) AND SECONDED (Suzanne Jesseman) to keep the funding at \$12,000.

Mr. Green asked what would happen if there was a catastrophic event now, with only \$22 in the fund. Ms. Hallquist said they would have to find the funds in other areas and make some unintended cuts. They would have to find the money in the operating budget.

Ms. Piotrow said if the money isn't used in 2016, it will be in there for 2017.

Chair Prohl called for a motion. **THE MOTION PASSED. 6 were in favor, 4 were opposed.**

Fire Vehicle Fund

Chair Prohl indicated that both the CRFC and the Selectmen were in favor of funding this at \$105,000.

IT WAS MOVED (John Wilson) AND SECONDED (Joe Cardillo) to approve the amount of \$105,000 for the Fire Vehicle Fund. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Gravel Roads Upgrading and Paving

IT WAS MOVED (John Wilson) AND SECONDED (Suzanne Jesseman) to approve \$50,000 for the Gravel Road Upgrades and Paving Fund. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Highway Equipment Replacement

IT WAS MOVED (Joe Cardillo) AND SECONDED (Suzanne Jesseman) to approve \$249,510 for the Highway Equipment Replacement Fund.

When asked why the fund was the amount it was, Mr. Lee said it will allow the Town to replace every piece of equipment they have through 2024.

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Highway Building

IT WAS MOVED (Joe Cardillo) AND SECONDED (Suzanne Jesseman) to approve \$0 for the Highway Building Fund. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Pleasant Lake Dam

IT WAS MOVED (John Wilson) AND SECONDED (Bill Green) to approve \$10,000 for the Pleasant Lake Dam Fund. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Tracy Library

IT WAS MOVED (John Wilson) AND SECONDED (Bill Green) to approve \$35,000 for The Tracy Library Fund. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Police Vehicle Fund

IT WAS MOVED (John Wilson) AND SECONDED (Joe Cardillo) to approve \$35,000 for the Police Vehicle. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Sewer Lagoon Cleanup

Chair Prohl said the CRFC recommended \$0 but the Selectmen recommended \$10,000.

Chair Prohl said the Selectmen have authorized an engineering report to find out what it will cost to clean up the sewer lagoons. Mr. Cardillo said there is \$41,000 in the fund now. They could start the engineering study with these funds and then ask the voters at Town Meeting what they wished to do for the future.

IT WAS MOVED (John Wilson) AND SECONDED (Joe Cardillo) to not fund the Sewer Lagoon Cleanup Fund. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Sewer Department

Chair Prohl said this fund had a \$0 recommendation by both the CRFC and the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Hallquist said there is nothing on the horizon that will need funding at the Sewer Department, so they are not asking for any funds.

IT WAS MOVED (Chris Lorio) AND SECONDED (Phyllis Piotrow) not to fund the Sewer Department Fund. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

GIS Update

Chair Prohl said both the CRFC and the Selectmen were in favor of funding \$20,000. He asked if the Budget Committee wanted to raise the appropriation to \$40,000 to just get it done.

IT WAS MOVED (Joe Cardillo) AND SECONDED (Suzanne Jesseman) to approve \$20,000 for the GIS Update Fund. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Fire Department Radios

IT WAS MOVED (Bill Green) AND SECONDED (Suzanne Jesseman) to approve \$15,000 for the Fire Department Radios Fund. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Dispatch Equipment

Chair Prohl said this fund has been set up in anticipation of having to replace the dispatch equipment when the time comes that it is necessary.

IT WAS MOVED (John Wilson) AND SECONDED (Joe Cardillo) to approve \$5,000 for the Dispatch Equipment Fund. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motions to Amend Previous Decisions by the Budget Committee

Mr. Cardillo said every \$62,000 decrease in the budget will lower the budget by 1%. He suggested that \$22,000 can be taken from two places:

Fire Station Maintenance and Repair Fund: \$19,185 was requested but he suggests a reduction of \$15,000. He wants to encourage the Selectmen to take the \$15,000 from the \$117,000 in the Building Maintenance Fund so that work to the fire station can be completed as requested by the Chief.

Additionally, Mr. Cardillo feels that the Elkins Post Office request of \$9,895 can be reduced by \$7,000. He encourages the Selectmen to expend the \$7,000 out of the \$117,000 in the Town Buildings Capital Reserve Funds. These two measures would reduce the operating budget by \$22,000.

IT WAS MOVED (Joe Cardillo) AND SECONDED (Bill Green) to reduce the Fire Station Maintenance and Repair Fund by \$15,000 and the Elkins Post Office Maintenance and Repair Fund by \$7,000 for a total of \$22,000 reduction in the operating budget.

Mr. Lorio asked if the rationale was to reduce the budget by \$22,000. Mr. Cardillo said it was. Mr. Lorio asked how that would impact what the Selectmen had planned for the Building Maintenance Fund. Ms. Hallquist said the Selectmen expect to spend \$160,000 on the Academy Building siding, the money to come from the Capital Reserve Account that they plan to request additional funding of \$150,000. If additional money is not added to the fund, then the siding project cannot be completed. Mr. Cardillo hopes that they would come out of the reconciliation meeting with the Selectmen with a warrant article to request a bond for the repairs.

Chair Prohl called for a vote. **THE MOTION PASSED.** 6 were in favor. 4 were opposed.

Mr. Cardillo reminded the committee that in two years there will be \$75,000 in debt service that they will retire. This will help things. Ms. Piotrow thinks the voters need to know what needs to be done and give them a choice on how to pay for it. Mr. Green said some of this has been going on for years now. He hopes it won't continue into the future. They have deferred the maintenance and the funds haven't been spent in the right places. Ms. Piotrow agrees and uses the condition of Hilltop as an example. She feels they need to be honest with the taxpayers. She hates seeing everything pushed off into the future.

Dr. Wilson asked why \$3,000 was in the budget for the Pleasant Lake Dam Maintenance. Ms. Hallquist said they put those in there so they wouldn't have a problem getting the gate fixed if it breaks, as they did when it broke last time. Dr. Wilson questioned if that much was needed. Mr. Lee noted that should a circuit board fail, the replacement plus travel and labor would easily be \$3,000.

Chair Prohl said he hears the price of oil will drop again and he would like to decrease the Police Department's gasoline account by \$1,000.

IT WAS MOVED (Rob Prohl) AND SECONDED (Bill Green) to reduce the gasoline line for the Police Department by \$1,000. THE MOTION PASSED. 6 were in favor. 4 were opposed.

Consider Transfers to Capital Outlays

IT WAS MOVED (Joe Cardillo) AND SECONDED (Suzanne Jesseman) to approve the Vehicles and Equipment Capital Outlay amount of \$418,907.

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED (John Wilson) AND SECONDED (Bill Green) to approve the Buildings Capital Outlay amount of \$55,000 for Tracy Library.

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED (Chris Lorio) AND SECONDED (Suzanne Jesseman) to approve the Improvements Capital Outlay amount of \$25,000 for work to be done at Elkins Beach & dock replacement. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Review and Approve Revenues

IT WAS MOVED (Joe Cardillo) AND SECONDED (Chris Lorio) to approve \$3,278,930 for FY2016 Total Revenues. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Upcoming Meeting with the Board of Selectmen

It was determined that the date for the reconciliation meeting between the Budget Committee and the Selectmen would be on Monday, March 30th at 7:00pm.

IT WAS MOVED (John Wilson) AND SECONDED (Suzanne Jesseman) to adjourn.

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Heath, Recording Secretary
Town of New London