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BOARD OF SELECTMEN BUDGET MEETING
February 1, 2012
Meeting Room B, Town Hall

PRESENT: William Brennan, Harold Clark, Ted Hoffstatter, Richard Dubow, James Saxe

ALSO PRESENT Sandy Dennies, Richard McArdle, Paul Milositz, Mark Amatrudo, Casey Healy, Gary Mecozzi, Sarah Taffel, Bettye Ragognetti, Carole Young-Kleinfeld, Tina Gardner, Andy Pforzheimer (BOF), Joan Lownds (Bulletin)

Chairman Brennan called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Fire Department Budget

Chief Paul Milositz and Deputy Chief Mark Amatrudo presented the proposed budget. Chief Milositz pointed out that this represents an increase of 1.6% over the previously adopted budget. This is the third year they have presented a minimal increase and it is putting a strain on their ability to provide the services expected by Wilton residents. However, they feel they can get by with what they are presenting tonight. This increase does not take into account the upcoming union negotiations or possible health insurance increases.

Capital items being requested include:

- 1) Replacement of 1994 Engine Tanker 4. This vehicle serves north Wilton and the areas where hydrants are not available. National standards for use of these vehicles is 15 years, and five years on reserve. If purchased in the FY '13 budget, a new vehicle would not be delivered until 2014. The resale on the 1994 tanker is about \$55,000. The purchase could be pushed out one more year, but the 1994 vehicle would need \$35,000 in repairs.
- 2) Replacement of 1999 four-wheel drive staff vehicle. This vehicle has been taken out of service as it needs \$8,000- \$10,000 in repairs.

Mr. Clark recommended looking at estimated revenue for inspections to see if it may be too conservative. Chief Milositz will do so.

Registrars Budget

Sarah Taffel advised that some of the re-districting costs will be carried into FY '13 in order to keep citizens advised of changes regarding polling places. They plan three town-wide mailings this fiscal year and two mailings next fiscal year. Other increases include the cost for a Primary election in August 2012 and a Presidential election.

Town Clerk Budget

The Presidential election impacts costs in this budget as well. OT will be necessary for the required extra hours the office must be open. They are also requesting part-time help for one month, at 20 hrs/week, for a person to assist with absentee ballots.


Some savings will be realized with the office staff now handling the electronic version of the Town Code. Also, it was found that there is no legal obligation to publish an annual report, other than the audit.

Revenue for recording fees and conveyance taxes are trending down due to a decrease in home prices and an increase in foreclosures. However, based on the year-to-date revenue, BOS members asked that the revenue estimate be reviewed again to determine a more realistic number.

Human Resources, Labor Relations and Administrative Services

Ms. Taffel advised that in the past few years, we have seen a significant increase in labor actions. In addition, all union contracts are up for negotiation so she has budgeted accordingly. The amount of changing legislation related to health care and employment laws has greatly increased, requiring more of her time. She is aware of the budget limitations, but wants to point out that when and if it becomes possible, she would like the BOS to consider a part-time position in Human Resources.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.



Jan Andras
Recording Secretary
(taken from video)