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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
BUDGET WORKSHOP  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2010  
WILTON TOWN HALL, ROOM B**

**PRESENT:** First Selectman William Brennan, Second Selectman Susan Bruschi, Selectman Richard Creeth, Selectman Harold Clark, Selectman Ted Hoffstatter

**GUESTS:** CFO Sandy Dennies, Controller Richard McArdle, John Savarese, Sarah Taffel, Deputy Police Chief Crosby, Deputy Fire Chief Amatrudo

**OTHERS:** Department Heads and employees noted below.

First Selectman Brennan called the budget workshop meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Operating Capital**

At the previous workshop, several questions were raised. Deputy Chief Bob Crosby and Deputy Fire Chief Mark Amatrudo were present to answer.

Replacement of five shotguns (\$5,670) – Deputy Chief Crosby explained that each patrol vehicle on duty carries a shotgun. The current weapons are over 30 years old and are no longer reliable.

Staff vehicle for the Fire Department (\$44,000) – There was discussion as to whether a smaller vehicle or possibly a used vehicle would be adequate. It was decided to allow for a \$35,000 purchase.

Compressor replacement (\$49,000) – Mr. Amatrudo advised that all towns have their own compressors. The FD has 60 cylinders, each lasting 15-20 minutes, and the Dive Team has another 10 cylinders. Currently, we are paying overtime for someone to bring the cylinders to Westport to use their compressor. After discussion, Mr. Amatrudo was asked to research the rebuilding of the compressor and prospective cost savings.

Information Technology – Ms. Dennies explained the need for an integrated system for all town departments. Mr. Creeth stated that there is a need and he would be entirely supportive of this request under better economic circumstances. Mr. Clark agreed and would support this if an integrated system could reduce the workforce and show a savings.

Mr. Brennan moved to enter executive session to discuss personnel issues and invited CFO Sandy Dennies to attend. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

Meeting entered executive session at 8:30 p.m. and returned to open session at 8:40 p.m.

### **Operating Budget**

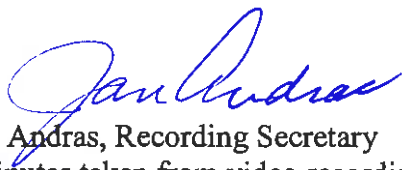
Mr. Brennan listed several small line item reductions that have been made throughout the budget, including some reductions that are still open, as follows:

The Police Chief, Deputy Chief and Captain have an \$800 allowance for cleaning of non-uniform clothing. Should this be an expense reimbursement? Ms. Taffel will research this policy and report back.

The EMS requests \$36,600 for tires, maintenance and medical supplies. The ambulance vehicles are an asset of the WVAC. Should they cover these costs with reimbursement funds received from insurance companies? Ron Hitter, president of WVAC to be contacted.

There are a few items in the DPW budget that will be discussed with Director Tom Therkettle when he returns from an absence due to illness.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.



Jan Andras, Recording Secretary  
(Minutes taken from video recording)