

The Board of Selectmen held a budget workshop on January 17, 2017, at the Town Hall with the First Selectman Robert Morra presiding. In attendance were: Selectmen Michael Eremita, Robert Neil, Gwen Marrion, and Sandra Pierog; and Administrative Officer Joyce Stille. Director of Senior and Social Services Carrie Concatelli was present for discussion on the Senior and Public Health budgets, Fire Marshall Raymond Walker, Fire Chief Bruce Dixon, Deputy Chief Peter Morra, Assistant Chief Charles Rexroad and John Roback were present for discussion on the Fire Marshall and Fire Commission budgets.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Morra began the workshop at 7:01 P.M.

2. DISCUSSION ON FY18 BUDGET

A. Senior Citizens

Ms. Concatelli went through the details of the Senior budget and goals for the next year. Highlights include: an increase in wages partially due to minimum wage; looking to increase social services and opportunities with community partners; and increase outreach and educational opportunities.

Ms. Concatelli also discussed the Public Health budget. The majority of the budget is for the VNA contract and Eastern Highlands Health District.

B. Fire Commission/Fire Marshal

Fire Marshal Walker explained the Fire Marshal budget. Increase in payroll is to create a new position – Code Inspector (1/2 year to start). The position would assist in inspections and pre-planning. Chief Dixon reviewed the details of the Fire Commission budget. Training costs for firefighters and EMT's are increasing. In the past year, the department has added five new members. Except for payroll, budget request is for level funding with a request for the proficiency fund to increase the same percent as payroll approved by the Selectmen.

C. Other Budgets

1. Administration – salaries/wages and professional and business training were discussed in detail.
2. Professional & Technical Services – details on technical services including Bolton Lakes Regional Water Pollution Control Authority was distributed. Administrative Services line item has funds for GIS updates and the first of three years of funding for a full revaluation.
3. Board of Finance – No change.

3. Adjournment

The Budget Workshop ended at 8:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce M. Stille

Administrative Officer

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