

## TOWN OF BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD of SELECTMEN

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Minutes
Board of Selectmen
Budget Hearing (continued)
Thursday, January 24, 2013

Selectmen Darrell Philpot, Jack Flanagan, Karl Dowling and John Carr were present along with Town Administrator Tad Putney.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Filing Period

Darrell announced the filing period for town offices is January 23<sup>rd</sup> to February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Tad** said at the present time there is approximately a \$190,000 increase in the proposed 2013 budget or 4.9%. Items contributing to the increase include a \$60,000 increase for plowing and sanding; \$62,000 for revaluation; \$40,000 for IT support and \$51,000 in debt service for the safety complex addition.

### 2013 Proposed Budgets

Finance Committee members Dennis Skey and Linda Chomiak were present.

<u>Ambulance</u> – Dennis handed out a sheet that he prepared saying that the Town of Mason should be paying us \$31,482 as their contribution according to his calculations of Mason having 20% of the ambulance calls. He said many fire departments include EMTs on their departments. Linda Saari said if we include the safety complex in the mix Hollis could come back and include their building in our communications assessment. After several motions and withdrawals *Karl moved*, seconded by Jack to have either the selectmen or town administrator talk to Wes Whittier and negotiate a new fee for the Town of Mason; the increase not to exceed more than 50% of last year's figure. Voted yes 4-0. John said he doesn't think we'll get \$31,000 this year.

<u>Health Agencies</u> – Ann Webb presented a proposed budget of \$21,125.

<u>Public Welfare</u> – Ann Webb presented a proposed budget of \$20,500.

<u>Financial Administration</u>—The proposed budget is \$165,687.

<u>Election & Registration – Linda Saari</u> presented a proposed budget of \$3,215.

<u>Police Dept. – Bill Quigley presented a proposed budget of \$635,312.</u>

<u>Pest Control</u> – Bill Quigley presented a proposed budget of \$200 which is for boarding.

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<u>Highways, Streets & Bridges</u> – Jerry Farwell presented a proposed budget of \$628,850, plus a warrant article for \$60,000. Following discussion it was decided to reduce the warrant article to \$30,000 given funds remain from last year's warrant article.

<u>Sanitation</u> – Jerry Farwell presented a proposed budget is \$273,663.

<u>Recreation Commission</u> – Rich Vertullo presented a proposed budget is \$30,985.

<u>Fire Dept. – Scott Knowles</u> presented a proposed budget of \$287,766. \$12,757 was added for an invoice that wasn't turned in by the deadline for 2012 invoices to be paid.

Gen. Gov't Buildings – The proposed budget is \$137,212.

<u>Personnel Administration</u> The proposed budget is \$490,923.

<u>Executive</u> – The proposed budget is \$209,241.

<u>Debt Service</u> – The proposed budget is \$322,210.

Reviewed proposed revenue.

#### Proposed Warrant Articles.

Tad reached Clarence Farwell via phone for voting on the warrant articles.

- 4. Operating budget of \$4,054,323. BOS voted yes 3-2; Darrell and Karl voting no. FC voted no 2-0.
- 5. \$51,977 to purchase two defibrillators. BOS voted yes 5-0. FC voted 1-1; Dennis voting no.
- 6. \$30,000 for road/bridge improvements. BOS voted yes 4-0; Clarence abstained. FD voted 1-1; Dennis voting no.
- 7. \$25,000 for renovations to the town hall for additional office space. BOS voted yes 4-1; Darrell voting no. FC voted 1-1; Linda voting no.
- 8. \$32,900 for Milfoil control in Lake Potanipo. BOS voted yes 4-1; Clarence voting no. FC voted 1-1; Dennis voting no. Clarence voting no as he feels it should be paid out of conservation funds. This will be offset by a grant from the DES in the amount of \$13,160 and \$19,740 from general taxation.
- 9. \$10,000 to update Brookline's town history (from 1914 to present). BOS voted yes 5-0. FC voted 1-1; Linda voting no.

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10. \$1,065 from the unreserved fund balance to be deposited into the ambulance Service Expendable Trust Fund. BOS voted yes 5-0. FC voted yes 2-0.

The meeting recessed at 9:50 pm. Hearing will resume on February 4<sup>th</sup>, if necessary. Minutes submitted by Rena Duncklee.

Darrell Philpot

Jack B. Flanagan

Karl D. Dowling

John J. Carr