

MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
BUDGET MEETING
Tuesday, January 19, 2010
5:00pm
Waterford Town Hall

(Procedural Action: Check register to be signed by Board of Selectmen in accordance with CGS 7-83)

Members Present: First Selectman Daniel Steward, Selectman Paul A. Suprin, and Selectman Paul Konstantakis

First Selectman Steward called the meeting to order at 5:02pm. He reported the Board will consider and act tentatively on the budgets listed tonight and at the appropriate time forward to the Board of Finance for their consideration and action on the FY 10/11 Budgets for:

a. Library (Org. #10536)

MOTION was made by Mr. Konstantakis and seconded by Mr. Suprin to tentatively approve the Waterford Public Library budget request for FY10/11 in the total amount of \$1,025,028.

Roslyn Rubinstein, Library Director, and Clifford Grandjean, Library Board President, were present to discuss and review this request. Roslyn Rubinstein reported that library usage has increased and staff scheduling is managed in a manner that helps control costs while still maintaining quality customer service

VOTE: 3 – 0

b. Public Health Nursing (Org. #10433)

MOTION was made by Mr. Suprin and seconded by Mr. Konstantakis to tentatively approve the Public Health Nursing Service budget request for FY10/11 in the total amount of \$64,350.

Ralph Heath, was present to discuss and review this request. Mr. Heath discussed cost savings measures by making fewer but more instructional visits to town residents. .

VOTE: 3 – 0

c. Conservation of Health (Org. #10432)

MOTION was made by Mr. Suprin and seconded by Konstantakis to TABLE this request to a later hearing date.

No one was present to represent this request.

VOTE: 3 – 0

d. Public Works (Org. # 10330)

MOTION was made by Mr. Suprin and seconded by Konstantakis to tentatively approve the Public Works budget request for FY10/11 in the total amount of \$4,881,088. This amount was amended by the reduction of line item #52470 Solid Waste Disposal of \$2400.00 making the total \$4,878,688.

Ronald R. Cusano, Director of Public Works, discussed and reviewed this request. Mr. Cusano reported increases in personnel costs due to contractual obligations, a reduction in solid waste disposal and an increase in the Highway Materials Line Item and Service Contracts & Repairs due to the added responsibility for the maintenance of municipal town buildings.

VOTE: 3 – 0

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e. Emergency Management (Org. #10222)

MOTION was made by Mr. Suprin and seconded by Mr. Konstantakis to tentatively approve the Emergency Management budget request for FY 10/11 in the total amount of \$849,489.

Police Chief Murray J. Pendleton was present to discuss and review this request. Chief Pendleton reported the major impact on requested funds includes the added responsibility for the town-wide radio upgrade and in personnel costs.

VOTE: 3-0

f. Youth Services Bureau (Org. #10419)

Dani Gorman, Director of Youth Services distributed copies of a revised budget request.

MOTION was made by Mr. Konstantakis and seconded by Mr. Suprin to tentatively approve the Youth Services budget request for FY10/11 in the total amount of \$200,869.

Dani Gorman, Director of Youth Services and Maureen Murphy, Chairperson were present to discuss and review this request. Ms. Gorman explained steps that have been taken to restrain budgetary growth and offset costs by reducing requests wherever possible in anticipation of rising costs for utilities, utilizing existing grants and new funding opportunities. She reported that difficult financial times have impacted Waterford families at many levels and the volume of requests for services remains at a high volume. It is the goal of the Youth Services Bureau to strengthen their presence in the community and to meet the needs of Waterford families.

VOTE: 3-0

e. Conservation of Health (Org. #10432)

MOTION was made by Mr. Suprin and seconded by Mr. Konstantakis to remove from the table.

VOTE: 3 – 0

MOTION was made by Mr. Suprin and seconded by Mr. Konstantakis to tentatively approve the Conservation of Health budget request for FY10/11 in the total amount of \$142,816.

Present to discuss and review this request was Jennifer Muggeo, Administration and Finance Supervisor. Ms. Muggeo reported that this budget request is tentative and does not include any consideration for vaccines. Finance Director Rudie Beers requested the last audit which Ms. Muggeo explained was incomplete due to the H1N1 crisis.

The Board agreed to tentatively approve the budget request for Conservation of Health in the amount of \$142,816, provided the additional amount needed for vaccines is provided before approval at the final budget hearing of the Board of Selectmen.

VOTE: 3 – 0

Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Board, and upon a motion made by Mr. Konstantakis and seconded by Mr. Suprin, the meeting was adjourned at 6:04pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Nunes Peterson
Recording Secretary

