

• April 24, 2006

Special Meeting

Present: Members: Michael Jackson, Chairman, Barbara Brown, Jack Field, Craig Schoon, Rex Swain

Alternates: John Allen, Liddy Adams, Jim Brinton

Selectmen: Richard Sears, Mark Lyon

Press: Rebecca Ransom, Litchfield County Times

The Selectmen presented changes made to the proposed 2006-2007 General Fund budget that was presented to the Board of Finance at their last meeting on April 17th. These included:

- 003: Tax Collector:

Change in hourly rate for Assistant to \$12.75. Total - 500 hours . \$6,375.

Membership/Education - Reduced to \$500.

Postage: Reduced to \$3,000.

Legal Fees: Reduced to \$500.

Total: \$50,245.

- 004: Town Clerk:

Postage: Reduced to \$1,250.

Indexing Land Records: Reduced to \$10,500.

Total: \$67,522.

- 008: Elections:

Membership/Education: Reduced to \$600.

- 011: Planning:

Legal Fees: Reduced to \$700.

Consultant: Reduced to \$2,000.

- 012: Zoning Commission:

Consultant: Reduced to \$2,000.

Legal Fees: Reduced to \$1,500. Noted there is \$6,000 in escrow.

- 015: Historic District Commission:

Digital Inventory: Reduced to \$100.

- 016: Conservation Commission:

Secretary: Increase to \$4,532. Increase 12 meetings to 24. (Conservation & Open Space)

Clerk: Reduce to \$1,375: 100 hrs @ \$10/hr - summer; \$375 - 30 hrs - mapping @ \$12.73

- 017: Town Hall:

Oil burner/plumbing repair/septic: Reduced to \$1,500.

Eliminate Pest Control: Reduced to \$0; \$5,000 to capital, no \$400 maintenance agreement this year.

- 018: Town Garage:

Repairs/Supplies: Reduce to \$2,500.

- 021: Office Expense:

Computer Support and Repair: Reduced to \$1,200.

Reduced General Government from \$1,268,878 to \$1,242,069.

- 024: Fire Marshal:

Compensation: Reduced to \$18,000.

Expenses: Reduced to \$1,000.

Reduced Public Safety from \$28,846 to \$425,846.

- 031: General Maintenance:

Supplies: Reduced to \$17,500.

Culverts/Catchbasins/Pipe: Reduced to \$7,500.

Education/Safety/Class 1 Licensing/D&A Testing: Reduced to \$5,000.

Reduced Highway Maintenance from \$866,630 to \$860,130.

- 041: Parks & Recreation Commission:

Reduced Grounds Payroll to \$9,240 for 660 hours @ \$14/hour.

- 042: Senior Center/Veterans Hall:

Office Supplies: Added \$1,000.

Programs: Reduced to \$1,250 (No charge for CHORE service.)

Reduced Recreation from \$142,073 to \$141,473.

- 048: Annual Repairs:

Mileage: Reduced to \$600.

Reduced Other Expenditures from \$343,467 to \$342,867.

- 052: Social Services:

Social Services/Evictions: Reduced to \$1,000.

Reduced Social Services from \$4,775 to \$3,775.

- 020 Health Insurance: Discussion was held on health care costs. This Line item was reduced from \$300,080 (10% increase) to a 5% increase of \$263,087. The Selectmen will continue to seek reductions.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. The budget hearing on the proposed budgets is scheduled for May 4th at 7:30 p.m.

**** Changes have reduced the proposed 2006-2007 General Fund budget from \$3,684,829 to \$3,650,320. The proposed capital budget remains at a gross expense of \$1,311,050, with \$369,000 anticipated in grants, for a new capital budget of \$942,050.**

The complete budget is available in the Town Clerk's Office and is posted on the signboard on the front of Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Gollow, Secretary