



TOWN OF NORTHFIELD



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NORTHFIELD BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING Minutes of the Meeting of January 14, 2016

Present: Linda Luedke, Leif Martinson, Lisa Swancott, Bob Southworth
Also Present: Cindy Caveney, Wayne Crowley, Glenn Smith

The meeting was called to order at 7:37pm

Consideration of the minutes of the meeting of January 7, 2016 was deferred to a future meeting.

Consideration of the request to record Budget Committee meetings was deferred.

I. 2016 Budget Proposal – Town Clerk

Committee members reviewed the Town Clerk/Tax Collector budget request.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Cindy Caveney noted that the salary request for the Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector has increased as the hours for this position were increased from 35 to 40 in 2015. She also noted that the salary she is requesting would put her at the midpoint of the salary range for her position.

Committee members reviewed changes in vital records requests and processing.

Cindy noted that the request for a fireproof cabinet has rolled over from 2015.

II. 2016 Budget Proposal – General Government

Committee members reviewed the general government budget request.

Lisa Swancott inquired about the Query Manager request; Glenn responded that it had been purchased out of 2015 funds.

Committee members questioned whether the Planning Board recording secretary budget could be reduced, given historical usage.

Leif Martinson suggested that the town create and start funding a facility replacement fund to be used for the eventual replacement of town buildings.

Committee members discussed the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid request. Lisa Swancott noted that this is not a legitimate town expense. Sel. Crowley noted that he is the town representative to this group but does not attend meetings as they serve as a rubber stamp to budget requests and are a waste of time.

Sel. Crowley updated the Budget Committee on his efforts relating to single stream recycling. Implementing the service will cost approximately \$40,000. Lisa asked if the Transfer Station would close under this proposal. Sel. Crowley responded that it would not, as its role in collecting c&d and burnables would not change. Leif Martinson stated that he would appreciate the service but he could not support the proposal unless it was expense neutral.

Leif expressed appreciation with the work Donna Cilley has done to keep welfare expenses down.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:14pm

APPROVED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE ON JANUARY 27, 2016