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**BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 21, 2016**

Members Present: Carl Hagstrom, Virginia Doerpholz Natasha Michelson, Martin Nolan, Ben Thomas, Fred Wilkinson, Win Wright, and Selectmen's Representative, Nancy Carney

Mr. Hagstrom convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Hagstrom asked members to review the minutes of last week's meeting.

Ms. Doerpholz made a motion to approve the January 14, 2016 Minutes. Mr. Nolan seconded. Mr. Wright abstained. The motion passed.

Mr. Thomas reported that the Water District budget presented last week would need to be revised as they have an additional \$20,000 that wasn't reflected in the budget. Mr. Thomas shared that they may not have to ask for a tax and he would explain the revision at the Budget Public Hearing. Mr. Thomas would get the revised budget to the Budget Committee before then. Ms. Carney explained the public hearing process. Mr. Thomas reported that the requested funds were the same but since there was an additional \$20,000 in the budget, they may purchase 2 uranium filters instead of 1. This would increase the budget bottom line but they would still be able to reduce the water rate.

Ms. Favreau shared that she would write a check to the Water District as she had talked with someone from the State.

Mr. Wilkinson asked about the budget and Mr. Thomas stated that he would have a budget by the public hearing. Mr. Wilkinson stated that the Budget Committee needed to approve the budget and asked about actual expenses.

Mr. Hagstrom noted the break down of the Health Agencies 2016 requests. Ms. Favreau shared that the last column was the Selectmen's recommendations. Committee members reviewed the requests. Mr. Hagstrom asked if the Budget Committee had any say regarding the requests. Mr. Nolan shared that they could make a recommendation on specific lines.

Mr. Hagstrom asked if there were any questions. Mr. Nolan asked about the Consultation Services line item. Ms. Favreau shared that it was the Health Officer. Mr. Nolan stated that it was a pretty straightforward budget. Mr. Nolan made a motion to approve the Health Agencies budget in the amount of \$13,540. Committee members agreed.

Ms. Favreau reported that the Land Use budget was approved in the amount of \$68,271 but the amount was increased by \$200 for telephone when Terry Silverman presented the budget. Committee members approved the Land Use budget in the amount of \$68,471. Ms. Favreau shared that the Budget Committee worksheet included the correct amount.

Mr. Hagstrom asked Mr. Thomas if he would be able to bring in the revised Water District budget next week. Ms. Favreau asked if the Budget Committee needed to meet next week if the Water District budget wasn't ready. Mr. Thomas stated that he would have everything ready at the public hearing and the Budget Committee could sign after.

Mr. Hagstrom asked about the procedure for cancelling a meeting. Ms. Carney stated that a notice cancelling the meeting would need to be done.

Ms. Favreau stated that mileage didn't get added into the Health budget's total and the new total should be \$13,840. Mr. Wright made a motion to approve the adjusted Health budget to include mileage for a total of \$13,840. Ms. Michelson approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wright made a motion to cancel next week's meeting. Ms. Doerpholz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Nolan noted that the public hearing's snow date was the same as the primary. Ms. Favreau shared that the meeting could be held in the upper hall and explained the tight deadline for printing the Annual Report for the Town Meeting.

Ms. Carney thanked Committee members for their work on the budgets and their commitment to the Town.

There being no further business, Mr. Hagstrom adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Submitted by;

Sheryl White  
Secretary