

**MINUTES**  
**SELECT BOARD**  
**TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH**  
Saturday, February 13, 2016 – 9:30am  
1 Grove Street, Peterborough, New Hampshire

**Present:** Barbara Miller, Ed Juengst, Tyler Ward

**Also Present:** Rodney Bartlett, Nancie Vaihinger, Nicole MacStay

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Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

Chair Miller stated that her goal is to bring the increase of the proposed budget down to 3%. The Select Board agreed that they wanted to keep the proposed new police officer position in the budget. There was some discussion of the school district's proposed budget. Mr. Juengst said that he is concerned that the EDA's proposed Economic Development Coordinator position is too much.

**Motion:**

Chair Miller made a motion that the Select Board not support the ConVal School District's proposed budget; Mr. Juengst seconded.

**Vote:**

Chair Miller, Mr. Juengst and Mr. Ward voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

**Motion:**

Chair Miller made a motion that the Select Board support Article 7 on the 2016 Town Meeting Warrant which reads "To see if the Town will vote to direct the School Board to conduct a study of the feasibility and suitability of the withdrawal of one or more member districts from the Contoocook Valley Regional School District;" Mr. Ward seconded.

**Vote:**

Chair Miller, Mr. Ward and Mr. Juengst voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

**Proposed Budget**

Mr. Bartlett said that he, Ms. Vaihinger and Ms. MacStay have identified a series of reductions to get the proposed budget down to 3%:

- Reduce the Town House rehab by \$20,000 and seek grant funding
- Reduce sidewalks to \$20,000 - the \$20,000 that remains would be fully supported by Downtown TIF
- Fire Department – reduce the salaries line by \$10,000
- Buildings and Grounds - \$16,000 cut by postponing the purchase of the mower and utility trailer
- Recreation – Reduce the Cunningham Pond erosion study by \$6,300
- GIS Capital Reserve - \$10,000 reduction

The Board agreed that these cuts should be recommended at the February 16<sup>th</sup> joint meeting with the Budget Committee.

**Water & Sewer Rates**

Mr. Bartlett explained that last water and sewer rate increase was in 2012. The \$1 million appropriated by the 2010 Town Meeting run out. The budget will require a 10% increase in 2017 and 10% in 2018 - that may move a little. If the state continues to fund the state aid grants, after the second year it will drop to an average annual 3% increase, however if the SAGs are not funded then there will be a 15% increase in 2019 and 2020. From a planning standpoint, we need to be cognizant that Concord may not be willing to fund the SAGs; from a planning standpoint it would be important to put a rate model in place to build up the fund balance and manage the increases. He said that water is much more stable, and they are looking at a 3% increase over the next two years.

**Riverwalk Parking Lot Update**

Mr. Bartlett said that the design of the parking lot is essentially complete and will be submitted to DES for permitting. The design has gone to Planning Board, Conservation Commission and any other board that expressed an interest. The actual layout of the parking lot is fixed; the paving will not be finished at this point, and next spring the paving and landscape design will be finished.

**GAR Hall**

Mr. Bartlett said that after the letter from Heritage Commission to the Select Board requesting the modification of the easement was shared with Stan Fry and Phil Runyon a meeting with Mr. Fry, Mr. Gregg, Melissa Stevenson and Peggy Shaughnessy was held. The meeting was very positive, and included a discussion of who holds the easement, subdivision of the property, and if the preservation easement can reflect the relocation of the building.

**Other Business**

Mr. Bartlett noted that the Water Resources Advisory Committee is disbanding, and said that Town staff will take over coordination of well testing.

The Board agreed to put an article about establishing a transportation improvement fund supported by a \$5.00 registration fee on the 2016 Town Meeting Warrant.

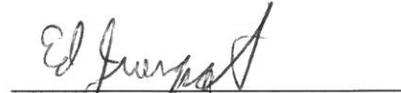
There was some discussion about moving voting to the Community Center; the Board agreed that it should be a public conversation.

As there was no further business, Chair Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:10pm; Mr. Juengst seconded. All in favor, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nicole MacStay, Assistant Town Administrator

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Barbara A. Miller, Chair

  
Ed Juengst

  
Tyler Ward

**ACTION ITEM PENDING LIST**

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