

**Town of Haddam  
BOARD OF FINANCE  
Budget Meeting  
Haddam Town Annex  
Monday, February 6, 2017  
APPROVED MINUTES**

In attendance: Chairman Joseph Centofanti, Vice Chairman Harlan Fredericksen, Members: Marjorie DeBold, Cheryl Haase, and David Kapitulik; Alternate: Robert McGarry  
Board of Selectmen: Robert Duval

Not in Attendance: Christopher Alexy and Alternates James Bucko and Joanne Nesti

Staff in Attendance: Finance Director, Barbara Bertrand, Finance Coordinator, Georgia Emanuel and Recording Secretary JoAnn Ricciardelli

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance  
Chairman Centofanti called the Meeting to order at 6:35 PM.  
*The Pledge of Allegiance* was recited.
2. Seating of Alternates: DeBold made a Motion to seat Robert McGarry as an alternate. Frederickson seconded. Approved unanimously.
3. Review & Discussion of the 2017-2018 Budget:

**Public Works:**

There was discussion regarding outside contractors making the same rate as town employees, giving a reductions of \$22,500.00. The new Assistant Director of Public Works is a certified Tree Warden. The board requested more details on the Chip/sealing plan Mr. Corsa has for the \$50,000.00. **Haase** made a motion to approve **310** – Selectman's Request of \$276,624.00. Frederickson seconded. No further discussion. Approved unanimously.

Frederickson made a motion to approve Selectman's Request 300 – General Labor - Operating Budget at \$1,125,655.00. DeBold seconded. No further discussion. Approved unanimously.

Haase made a motion to approve Selectman's Request 320 – Snow & Ice of \$320,000.00. Kapitulik seconded. No further discussion. Approved unanimously.

DeBold made a motion to approve Selectman's Request 237/080 Engineering at \$50,000.00. Haase seconded. No further discussion. Approved unanimously.

Frederickson made a motion to approve Selectman's Request 330 Fire Hydrants at \$3,000.00. Kapitulik seconded. No further discussion. Approved unanimously.

Kapitulik made a motion to approve Selectman's Request 335 – Waste Disposal for \$314,000.00. McGarry seconded. No Further Discussion. Approved unanimously.

Haase made a motion to approve Selectman's Request 420 - Water Pollution Control & Monitoring for \$8,000.00. No Discussion. Kapitulik seconded. Approved unanimously.

#### **Fire Department:**

There was a discussion regarding a \$8,000.00 increase and a stipend being omitted in error last year. The “Medical supplies and misc supplies were combined and put in the Small Equipment Maintenance line.

Frederickson made a motion to approved Selectman's Request 200 – Haddam Volunteer Fire Department at \$163,420.00. Haase seconded. McGarry abstained. No further discussion. Approved unanimously.

Frederickson made a motion to approve Selectman's Request 201 – Haddam Neck Volunteer Fire Department at \$58,150.00. Kapitulik seconded. McGarry abstained. No further discussion. Approved unanimously.

#### **Emergency Management Study - Ambulance**

There was a discussion regarding the Emergency management study performed on Haddam Ambulance and the presentation they gave to the Board of Finance on Saturday, February 4, 2017. The Board decided not to vote on the Ambulance until they see the 990.

#### **Police Special Duty:**

There was discussion regarding the new Resident Trooper, who makes less than the Resident Trooper who was here last year.

DeBold made a motion to approve Selectman's Request 205 – Police for \$364,286.00. Kapitulik seconded. No further discussion. Approved unanimously.

#### **Animal Control:**

There was discussion regarding the new vehicle that will be needed. It is coming out of the 16-17 budget. The budget is down \$1,100.00 from last year.

Kapitulik made a motion to approve Selectman's Request 215 – Animal Control for \$23,550.00. Haase seconded. No further discussion. Approved unanimously.

#### **Emergency Management:**

There was discussion regarding being unable to get in touch with Alan Alonzo. This was tabled until the Board of Finance can talk with the First Selectman, Lizz Milardo and/or get in touch with Alan Alonzo.

**Fire Marshal:**

Kapitulik made a motion to approve Selectman's Request 225 – Fire Marshal for \$20,201.00. Frederickson seconded. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

**Dispatch Services:**

Haase made a motion to approve Selectman's Request – 230 – Dispatch Services for \$113,000.00. DeBold seconded. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

**Selectmen:**

There was discussion regarding breaking out dues and membership fees – each having a separate line. There is a fee of \$1,210.00 for DEMHS which is Emergency Management and should not be in the "Dues and Membership line" and should be put in the Emergency Management budget. Requesting we take out the \$1,210.00 from the \$18,000.00 leaving the total budget request for 81-01005 at \$16,790.00.

Harlan made a motion to change the name of the last line to "dues and memberships" and then we can change the amount to \$16,790.00 accept Selectman's Request - 010 – for \$199,337.00 with line number 81-01005 of \$16,790.00, DeBold seconded. No further discussion. Approved unanimously.

**Finance Department:**

There was a brief discussion regarding the increase in the Part-Time Finance Directors hours.

Harlan made a motion to approve Selectman's Request Finance Department – 011 for \$129,014.00. Haase seconded. No Discussion. Approved unanimously.

**Probate:**

There was discussion re probate court and not getting a response from them.

Haase made a motion to keep Probate – 015 at the current '16 – '17 fiscal year budget of \$2,661.00. Kapitulik seconded. No further discussion. Approved unanimously.

**Elections:**

DeBold recused herself.

Kapitulik made a motion to approve Selectman's Request - Elections – 020 for \$53,600.00. Haase seconded. No discussion. DeBold Abstained. Approved unanimously.

4. Public Comment: None

5. Adjournment: Frederickson made a Motion to Adjourn meeting DeBold seconded the Motion was approved unanimously.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM  
Minutes taken by JoAnn Ricciardelli