



Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, January 15, 2019 @ 4:00 P.M.
Southwest Harbor Town Office

MINUTES

I. Chairman Chad Terry called the Selectmen's budget meeting to order at 4:09 pm. In attendance George Jellison Jr., Lydia Goetze, Kristin Hutchins, Ryan Donahue, Assistant Manager Marilyn Lowell and Manager Justin VanDongen. There were approximately 11 members of the public also present.

II. Chief Thomas Chisholm reviewed the Fire Department budget and CIP/Reserves. The biggest change was increasing the volunteer stipend. The Board removed the CIP allocations for the side by side and the SCBA Equipment. There were also adjustments made to equipment (\$7500) and equipment maintenance (\$3000).

Highway Supervisor Scott Alley and Manager VanDongen reviewed the highway budget and CIP/Reserves. The Board discussed wages and the current status of the collective bargaining agreement. The Board reduced the Anti-icing CIP appropriation to \$0.

Harbormaster Adam Thurston reviewed the Harbor budget and CIP. Chad Terry expressed that he thought the Harbormaster wage was too low and should be equal to what a Police Officer makes. The wage was tabled until review of the whole budget was complete. The Board reduced the Manset Town Dock CIP to \$29,150 because more planning should be done around the development of the Hook property.

Members of the Historic Cemetery Committee reviewed their request for \$25k. They spoke to the work that needs to be done on many of the older cemeteries. The Board asked if they would need the \$25k in the next fiscal year or if there was a way to spread it out based on the timeframe of how the work would be done. Together they agreed to an appropriation of \$11k and a target balance of \$15k.

Jane Ayers reviewed the Conservation Commission budget. The increase was a result of the one-time need to replace the signs at the Charlotte Rhodes Park.

Charles Stanhope and Erich Reed reviewed the request from the library. They library received a five-star rating for the 8th consecutive year. No changes were made.

Dave Lewis and Marc Hamel reviewed the SWH-Tremont Nursing Association request. They explained that the Tremont request was up as well. The ambulance does about 400 runs per year. No changes were made to the request.

III. George Jellison made a motion to adjourn at 7:47 pm, seconded by Kristin Hutchins, approved 5-0-0.