

## **Selectmen Board Budget Meeting**

Wednesday, January 7, 2016 Town Office @ 5:30 PM

- I. The Selectmen special meeting to review the FY 16-17 budget was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chairman George Jellison. In attendance: David Minctons, Tom Benson, Dan Norwood, Lydia Goetze and Town Manager Don Lagrange.
- II. Budget Review:
  - ~ Ingrid Kachmar represented the Harbor House in their request for non-profit municipal funding. The request was increased from the current budget of \$56,340 to \$59,640 or an additional \$3,300. It was projected in their budget request they needed an additional \$79,915 from community funding sources which include Southwest Harbor and Tremont. The Selectmen reminded Mrs. Kachmar of comments she made five years ago that Harbor House was working toward eliminating any requests from the communities. She stated the number of children in the program totaled 245 with 161 from SWH and 84 from Tremont.

The Selectmen did not agree the proportion of this request was equitable with SWH being asked to pay more than their fair share compared to Tremont and in effect, SWH was subsidizing Tremont. Manager Lagrange calculated percentages concluding Tremont's share should be 30% of \$79,915 or \$23,974. Harbor House financial statement indicated Tremont share at only \$20,275 with the balance of \$59,640 from SWH. If correctly apportioned, SWH should be required to contribute only \$55,940 or \$400 less than previously contributed. The Selectmen agreed to flat fund the Harbor House at \$56,340 with the suggestion that Harbor House request Tremont to pay their fair share.

- ~ Island Explorer Paul Murphy was unable to attend the budget meeting but was rescheduled for the January 26<sup>th</sup> Selectmen meeting.
- ~ The Code Enforcement budget was reviewed with an adjustments made to health insurance. An increase in salaries was due to increased apportionment of manager's salary. The resulting budget is \$44,951 or an increase of 8%.
- ~ The Administrative budget was revisited with Dan Norwood expressing concern regarding a change of numbers. Overtime was discussed and Lagrange indicated the amount should be \$5,000 limiting overtime to authorized use only and primarily based on the Town's clerk participation during voting and at Selectmen's meeting.
- ~ There was a discussion regarding heating fuel costs and due to the lower costs, these items should be reviewed further.

## III. Adjourn Meeting

Lydia Goetze moved to adjourn meeting at 6:55 PM, seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 5/0/0.