

Selectmen Meeting - Budget Taskforce
Meeting Minutes – Truro Town Hall
December 16, 2013 - 3:00pm

Members Present: Jay Coburn, Chair, Bob Weinstein, Breon Dunigan, Vice-Chair, and Jan Worthington (arrived 3:38) **Member Absent:** Paul Wisotzky

Others Present: Rex Peterson, Town Administrator, Lori Meads, Finance Committee, Trudi Brazil, Town Accountant, Bob Panessiti, Finance Committee, Charleen Greenhalgh, ATA/Planner, Lorial Russell, Pat Pajaron, Tony Jackett, Chief Kyle Takakjian, Lt. Craig Danziger, and Jackie Mastrianna

Chair Coburn called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

The Group reviewed the following budgets:

Animal Controlⁱ: Lorial Russell

Change is in the non-union personnel line and purchase of services line and other minor charges. No questions.

Conservation Commissionⁱⁱ: Pat Pajaron

Overall budget down because of the new recording secretary hired at a lower rate. No questions.

Shellfish Wardenⁱⁱⁱ: Tony Jackett

There is a new request for part-time person to assist with the additional service of implementing the Aquaculture Development area.

Question asked as to how much revenue from the shellfish licenses and grants. For FY13 Resident: \$880, Non-Resident: \$1000 and Aquaculture: \$300. Question asked if the additional person would be used for policing. The response was yes. Question as to how the aquaculture area would be inspected. There is the possibility of utilizing equipment from Provincetown. Is there a job description for the position and how will it be paid, hourly, salary? It is anticipated that a description similar to that used in Wellfleet will be used. Discussion ensued about possibly combining this with the Assistant Harbor Master position. Brief discussion about reviewing the license fees.

For FY 15 the two departments (Shellfish and Harbor) will remain two separate departments. This is currently being reviewed as part of the Compensation and Wage Study.

Pamet Harbor Operations^{iv}: Tony Jackett

Compensation went down due to personnel changes. Currently there is mutual aid assistance with Provincetown for the use of their barge for pulling moorings, etc.

Police Department^v: Kyle Takakjian, Craig Danziger, Jackie Mastrianna

The budget is up \$121,800 to cover two new positions and the related costs. Chief Takakjian reviewed the various line items. The Holiday Pay is based on the contractual requirements. Patrol division overtime increased due to required state mandates with in-service training from 32 to 40 hours. Extra security and special event coverage has increased to cover the various events in town (Truro Treasures, AgFair, Etc.) Removed from the budget is the Grant Reimbursement line, per the Chief, he felt it should go back within the Selectmen's budget. Discussion ensued regarding a centralized location for grant monies to cover matches and/or reimbursements. The Board of Selectmen have indicated that grant monies is a goal for the current fiscal year for all department

heads, so there appears to be the need for a central location. Chief Takakjian touched on the reasons and issues for the expanded department, two (2) additional officers.

Emergency Management Budget^{vi}: Kyle Takakjian, Craig Danziger

Previous budget was \$1150. The proposed budget covers the joint shelter with Provincetown. This would cover required expenses associated with the shelter: storage, food, basic supplies, etc. Education materials are included in the budget. It also includes monies for CERT training. Storm shutters are needed for the shelter. Grant money is anticipated; however it is a matching grant, so the proposed budget covers this item.

Police Budget Discussion continued regarding the need to two new positions. Mr. Coburn understands the need for the two positions; however the question remains how the Town can sustain this expanded level of growth. Ms. Dunigan suggested the opposite exists, the Town cannot continue to operate in this manner. Job safety is an important issue that exists; single coverage shifts for example. The townspeople rely on the Police Department for a variety of public services. Chief Takakjian, expressed that the Department does not serve only the 2000 residents, it is a far greater number. Per Mr. Panessiti, there are short term needs that need to be addressed now, while the long term regional approach is long off and requires legislative action. Per Ms. Worthington, the town has been behind for a while; this would be a thoughtful approach to bring the department to where it needs to be. Ms. Brazil cautioned that regionalization is not always a cost savings measure.

Mr. Weinstein, shares the concern of sustainable growth and the ability to fund these expanded expenditures. He believes that it is irresponsible not to address these fiscal needs. He does not know how to address the issue; however the overhead for Provincetown, Truro and Wellfleet is high and it needs to be addressed. He discussed the recent regional dispatch center meeting that was held with the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Panessiti raised his concerns again regarding the short term needs.

The Fire/EMS discussion will be rescheduled to January 6, 2014. The January 6 meeting will be held at 1:00 pm (not 9:00 as previously scheduled.) On a motion from Ms. Dunigan, seconded by Mr. Weinstein, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn the meeting.

Truro Board of Selectmen

Jay Coburn, Chair

Breon Dunigan, Vice-Chair

Janet Worthington, Clerk

Robert Weinstein

Absent
Paul Wisotzky

ⁱ Animal Control Budget 0292

ⁱⁱ Conservation Commission Budget 0171

ⁱⁱⁱ Shellfish Budget 0299

^{iv} Pamet Harbor Ops Budget 0661

^v Police Budget 0210

^{vi} TEMA Budget 0291