

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE  
May 26, 2016**

Selectmen in attendance: Christine Torno, Paul Nadeau and Royce Heath



**6:00 pm – Open Meeting – Pledge of Allegiance**

- Meet with Budget Committee to review revenue reports for CEO, Transfer Station and Fire/EMS. Handouts were given to the Budget Committee members and Selectmen.
- Line item budgets were reviewed:
  - o CEO was changed back to 35 hrs. instead of 40, but still qualifies for benefits at 35 hrs. He is now certified in 13 areas. Various changes were made which reduced his budget by \$5,969.00.
- Harrison Thorp asked how many hours the CEO now works – 29 hrs. Judy Churchard asked what would happen if this doesn't pass and was told an amendment can be made on the open floor.

**6:10 pm**

- Transfer Station wages are dropping to \$57,000. The Transfer Station will be closed on Monday beginning July 1, 2016 and remain open as scheduled on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday. Some part time staff may be reduced to accommodate for the cut back in hours.
- The total budget will be reduced by \$19,457.00.
- Harrison Thorp asked if the part time Transfer Station employees get paid for holidays – the answer is no.
- Laura Bragg asked if cutting hours and staff wouldn't make the Transfer Station busier and Chairperson Torno agreed that it might.
- Corinna Cole asked if they plan to charge commercial haulers who bring trash to the Transfer Station. Chairperson Torno said she has thought about it but the Board hasn't discussed it yet.

**6:20 pm**

- Emergency Services – Revenue is \$111,481.01 from ambulance and insurance payments and there are still some uncollectables that are being addressed by Comstar.
- The Chief's wages are up a little because of a new law which goes into effect in December that states if a person works 40 hours with a salary of \$47,476.00 then they can't be paid overtime. Bettie Harris-Howard asked if the vote was for a full time department or a full time Chief. Chief Meehan will be a responder and the Chief but won't be paid as a responder twice.
- Laura Bragg asked if there are still two EMS people on the department and Chairperson Torno said yes.
- Skip Wood feels Chief Meehan's "chiefly" duties don't amount to a full time position; there are two other people there who could be doing reports, etc. Skip also asked what the Chief's qualifications are to rate the pay he receives. Selectman Heath said Chief Meehan has an open door so Skip should ask him directly.
- Bettie Harris-Howard asked why there was no money in the "Criminal Records Check" category and was told Maine doesn't charge for this information. She also asked why the reduction in physicals and medical exams and was told because there are less people to hire.
- Judy Churchard asked what the Medical Director does and Sean Bright responded that he is the Deputy Chief now but is a doctor as well.
- The total budget will be reduced by \$33,449.00.
- Corinna Cole asked about putting the new Fire Truck on the town vote. Chairperson Torno said not at this time, we need to keep essential services running.
- Corinna asked if we still have to provide EMS service if the budget is voted down and was told yes.
- Sean Bright asked where the revenue goes from Fire/EMS. Chairperson Torno said it goes into the General Fund.

- Laura Bragg asked if the Budget Committee Ordinance is in effect; Chairperson Torno said yes.
- Chairperson Torno said she wants the BC to vote on the new questions so we can get the mass mailer out with the new budget figures on it.
- Skip asked for a current expense sheet for the Fire Dept which Chairperson Torno said she would get for him.
- Corinna asked how the essential services will be provided if these items don't pass at town meeting. She said the Selectmen need to have a plan.
- Sean Bright said he thinks the Select Board did an excellent job reducing the budgets. He feels with the information given to the townspeople, they will come out to vote.

**7:00 pm**

- Chairperson Torno will have Mandy get the warrant ready so it can go to the BC as soon as possible. The next meeting with the BC will be to vote. She thanked all BC members for attending the meeting.

**7:05 pm**

- The Selectmen asked to have three interviews for the Treasurer position set up on Wednesday, 6/1 at 6:30, 7:00 and 7:30 pm.
- Chairperson Torno recommended to the Board that they talk to Ben Thompson about coming in to help finish assessing the waterfront, possibly one day per week. I will call him to come in and discuss it.
- Mandy gave Chairperson Torno a transfer for money to do the mailer for the open town meeting. Chairperson Torno left a note for Mandy to get the warrant ready as soon as possible and check a place in Eliot for printing the mailer.

**7:30 pm**

- Chairperson Torno made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Selectman Nadeau, all in favor.