

## Approved Minutes

December 31<sup>th</sup>, 2014

11:30AM

Present-Chairman Rodney Towne, Selectmen Dwight Lovejoy and Christine Quirk.

Also, Town Administrator Peter Flynn, Ed Hunter, Dan MacDonald and Dick Perusse.

The Board had some discussion regarding the reducing of the increase in the operating budget from 4.32% to an increase closer to 4%. They proceeded to take the following action:-

Cuts by the Selectmen amounted to \$35,975 total as on Tuesday, December 31, 2014.

A late discovery was made concerning the payroll budgeting. It came to our attention that there are 53 pay weeks in 2015 instead of the usual 52. We had previously figured the budget proposals for 52 weeks. The added amount to cover the extra week is \$ 29,974.

Even with this increase the board came out saving \$6001. It is possible that the Board may recommend some more reductions prior to the Finance Committee meeting on Saturday.

The goal was to reduce from a present 4.18% increase over last year to under 4.00%. We are presently at 4.18 % over 2014.

### **Reductions:**

Cemetery - \$1500, Energy (Conservation) – 150, Emergency Management - `1,500, Fire Dept. - 2,500.

Welfare – 2,000, Highway – 10,000, Legal – 2,000, Planning 2,000, Police 9,000, Executive – 2,000

Transfer Station – 3,000, ZBA – 325

**TOTAL - \$35,975**

Rodney moved to cut \$35,975 from the operating budget, seconded by Christine.

Vote carried 3-0

12:30 PM Christine moved to adjourn, seconded by Dwight. Vote carried 3-0

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