

Selectmen's Meeting  
August 22, 2016  
6.:00 p.m.

The meeting opened at 6:00 p.m. Present were Selectmen George Donovan, Tony Palminteri and Glenn Dochtermann as well as members of the Budget Committee, Fred Holt, Lee Steele, Priscilla Blanchette, Mark Rogers, Ken Gerry, Joe Olszewski and Harold Metcalf. Also, present was Joyce Wood, Administrative Assistant.

Mr. Donovan opened the meeting by giving a brief overview of the plans for the change of fiscal year and the schedule up to the December 3, 2016 town Meeting. He then turned the meeting over to Fred Hold, Treasurer, and Chairman of the Budget Committee.

Mr. Holt covered topics relating to the change including:

- Six month budget - December 3, 2016 will be the Town Meeting which will cover January 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017.
- Need to meet with all departments, committees and employees to give explanation and request for budgets (6 Months). Date will be Tuesday, August 30, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Conant Chapel. This will be a Selectmen's Meeting and all Budget Committee members are encouraged to attend.
- Discussed the meetings of the Budget Committee. All agreed Mondays at 6:00 p.m.
- Schedule between now and the December 3<sup>rd</sup> Town Meeting date – The schedule included all meetings/public hearings prior to December 3, 2016.
- Bond Payments - Only one of the bond payments included in the 6 month budget will have principal due, the other two interest only.
- He gave explanation of why we are changing our fiscal year to match the school, County and State budgets and also to be in line with the State forecasted Revenue sharing. We will be in a more knowledgeable position when the tax commitment and tax rate are set.
- The six month budget will be funded through the unassigned fund, not taxes. The next commitment will be around the same time but the tax bills will be paid in two equal installments, Oct 1, 2017 and April 1, 2018.
- The election of officials – Mr. Holt explained that legal has responded that the elected officials whose terms would have expired with the March 2017 Town meeting are "held over" until the June 2017 Town meeting which will replace the March Town meetings moving forward. There is also a State Supreme Court decision that covers this as well. Notices for taking out papers etc. will be sent out at the proper time.

Many questions were asked and discussed by all.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.