

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1983

Present: Chairman John E. Murray, Anne W. Donald, Myron J. Fox, Selectmen; Marjorie Wallace, Finance Committee; Fire Chief Michael Dunne; Police Administrative Assistant Peter Lembo; Dog Officer Betsy DeWallace; Town Engineer James V. Merloni.

The statutory requirements as to notice having been fulfilled, at 9:00 a.m. the preliminary FY85 budget session with the Fire, Police, Engineering and Dog Officer Departments was called to order.

No formal action was taken pending written recommendation by the Executive Secretary.

Fire Department Budget

The main points of discussion on the Fire budget were the requests for the new Lieutenant positions (4), which would produce an immediate minimal cost to the Town (the question from the Board being the evaluation of the long-term costs), and the \$115,000 request for a new fire engine.

The Board encouraged the Chief to pursue regionalization wherever possible:

Selectman Donald suggested, and the Board agreed, to have Chief Dunne prepare an updated inventory listing all fire equipment including such things as purchase date, mileage, condition, cost of maintenance under SLEP program, and scheduled replacement date.

The Board directed that Chief Dunne, Finance Committeewoman Wallace and Mr. Thompson further review and discuss the concerns relative to the Civil Defense appropriation raised by Ms. Wallace.

Police Department Budget

The Executive Secretary was directed to check the necessity of budgeting for retirement pay.

The main points discussed in the Police budget were the requests for reorganization of personnel and the addition of the new positions of Deputy Chief and Lieutenants. On this matter the Executive Secretary pointed out that the differential pay for Lieutenant and Deputy Chief would be a matter for collective bargaining.

On equipment requests, Mr. Thompson and P. Lembo are to review further and report back to the Board, specifically regarding new police vehicles, radios, and a new base communications station.

The Selectmen asked Mr. Thompson to prepare a viewgraph for Annual Town Meeting to show the costs to the Town compared to State reimbursement under the Quinn Bill.

The Executive Secretary was directed to evaluate scheduling a future meeting with the District Court judges and the Selectmen to expedite processing of Sudbury court matters for relief of overtime court costs.

Mr. Thompson was also asked to look into and report back to the Board relative to scheduling and requisitioning for the Civil Service Lieutenant's exam.

Mr. Thompson was requested to check with Town Counsel concerning updating the Police Rules and Regulations and confirm that all officers have access to current regulations. Police Administrative Assistant Lembo agreed to obtain the most current recommended Rules and Regulations from the Massachusetts Police Institute for use as a model.

Engineering Department Budget

It was the consensus of the Board to approve the Engineering budget in total. On the recommendation of the Executive Secretary, the Selectmen and the Town Engineer agreed that a top priority in the coming year would be to reinstitute the engineering co-op program by attrition, details to be worked out later.

Dog Officer Budget

It was the consensus of the Board to approve the Dog Officer's budget in total, but asked that the Executive Secretary further evaluate the pay for the Assistant Dog Officer, i.e., whether enough is being budgeted.

Miscellaneous

Selectman Fox requested a copy of the site plan application package and colored zoning map. Selectman Fox suggested, and the Board concurred after further discussion, that the package include, if not already incorporated, the Selectmen's Policies and Procedures pertaining to Site Plans, the Selectmen's standard form of vote for site plan approval, and a strong recommendation to the applicant that if planning a site plan which necessitates neighborhood involvement that the neighborhood be included in the first instance as the project proceeds.

Selectman Fox, having discussed the matter with Mr. Fairbank of the Water District, asked that the Executive Secretary and the Town Engineer look into the feasibility of reducing road salts and other contaminants from Route 20 entering Hop Brook, i.e., over-design catch basins.

The Selectmen asked that a draft article to file special legislation to reduce the terms of office for Planning Board and Board of Appeals members from five to three year terms be prepared for the next Annual Town Meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12 noon.

Attest: _____

Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk