

TOWN OF SALISBURY

Budget Committee Business Meeting Summary

February 10, 2014

Jeff Nangle, Chair	Present	Marcia Murphy	Present
Joe Landry, Vice Chair	Present	Sandy Miller	Present
Steve Wheeler	Present	Ralph Downes	Present
Ed Sawyer	Present	Ken Ross-Raymond, Selectman Ex-Officio	Present
Sara (Sally) Jones	Present	Margaret Warren, Town Administrator	Present
Bill MacDuffie, Sr.	Present	April Rollins, Municipal Secretary	Present

Other Selectmen Present: Pete Ballou and Joe Schmidl.

General Public Present: Kathie Downes, Fire Chief MacDuffie, Mary Heath, Jon Herbert, Gail Henry, Rick Chandler, Judy & Gary Elliott and David Merwin

Handouts for Meeting:

- 2013 Budget through 12/31/13
- 2014 Warrant Articles
- January through December 2013 YTD Revenue
- Budget Summary

Chair Nangle opened the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Review & Approve Minutes of January 13, 2014 – Bill MacDuffie made a **motion** to approve the meeting minutes of January 13, 2014 without correction. Ralph Downes **seconded** the motion. The **motion passed unanimously**.

2014 Warrant Articles – The BC reviewed Warrant Articles one (#1) through four (#4). Planning Board Chair, Doug Greiner provided a brief explanation of the proposed zoning amendments. Those in attendance reviewed the proposed Village Center Overlay District map.

Warrant Article #5 Reassessment \$5K – Joe Landry made a **motion** to recommend this article and Ralph Downes **seconded** the motion. No discussion took place. The **motion passed unanimously**.

Warrant Article #6 Building & Grounds \$5K – Sally Jones made a **motion** to recommend this article and Steve Wheeler **seconded** the motion. No discussion took place. The **motion passed unanimously**.

Warrant Article #7 Fire Emergency Services Equipment \$25K (tanker) – Sally Jones made a **motion** to recommend this article and Ralph Downes **seconded** the motion. Discussion; Chair Nangle suggested the appropriation be reduced to \$20K. TA Warren noted \$15K was approved last year. Ralph Downes explained the funds are to replace the tanker in 2016. Selectman Ross-Raymond stated the original request was at \$35K and the BOS reduced it to \$25K. Bill MacDuffie Sr. stated he feels if the Town saves the money then we have it. Joe Landry stated the tanker could be lease purchased when ready due to inflation because the Town will still need to bond the remaining amount (\$100K). Ralph Downes explained the tanker 27 years old and is reliable but extremely slow. Joe Landry made a **motion** to reduce the appropriation to **\$15K** and Chair Nangle **seconded** the motion. The **motion passed unanimously**.

Warrant Article #8 Rescue Emergency Services Equipment \$15K (ambulance) –Ralph Downes made a **motion** to recommend this article and Bill MacDuffie Sr. **seconded** the motion. Discussion; The

BC discussed who would like to see the funds in the capital reserve funds or see the funds bonded at the time of purchase. The **motion passed**.

Warrant Article #9 Transfer Station/Recycling \$10K (power to station) –Bill MacDuffie Sr. made a **motion** to recommend this article and Ralph Downes **seconded** the motion. No discussion took place. The **motion passed unanimously**.

Warrant Article #10 Recreation \$1K – Ed Sawyer made a **motion** to recommend this article and Bill MacDuffie Sr. **seconded** the motion. No discussion took place. The **motion passed unanimously**.

Warrant Article #11 Police Emergency Services \$9,500 dollars (sale of the cruiser) – Sally Jones made a **motion** to recommend this article and Ed Sawyer **seconded** the motion. No discussion took place. The **motion passed unanimously**.

Warrant Article #12 Cemetery Maintenance and Operation Trust Fund \$400 dollars (housekeeping article) – Sally Jones made a **motion** to recommend this article and Steve Wheeler **seconded** the motion. No discussion took place. The **motion passed unanimously**.

Warrant Article #13 (by petition) Reinstating & funding a local Police Department \$64K – Sandy Miller made a **motion** to not recommend this article and Sally Jones **seconded** the motion. No discussion took place. The **motion passed unanimously**.

Chair Nangle opened the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m. and asked for public input from those in attendance but none was offered. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:05 p.m.

Steve Wheeler made a **motion** to accept the total operating budget at \$1,058,818 dollars and Ed Sawyer **seconded** the motion. The **motion passed unanimously**.

Update of Selectmen's Issues – Selectman Ross-Raymond stated there has been a 2% increase proposed for the School's budget but we need to be concerned with the district's assessment because the amount to be raised by taxes is over 14%, due to revenues decreasing. Chair Nangle stated the adjusted budget is being used and it is a floating target. Chair Nangle noted the most current school district figures are on their web-site under the School Board. Ms. Henry thanked the Board of Selectmen, Department Heads and the Budget Committee for doing such a great job. Ms. Henry noted that the school issues are tough and even she is starting to care. David Merwin is running as Salisbury's Representative on the MV School Board.

Term Expirations – Ed Sawyer, Sally Jones and Marcia Murphy all have placed their names on the ballot for reelection to the Budget Committee.

Budget Committee's next meeting – **Monday, April 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.**

Ed Sawyer made a motion to adjourn at 7:16 p.m. Ralph Downes seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
April Rollins, Municipal Secretary