

# TOWN OF SALISBURY

## Budget Committee Business Meeting Summary

April 9, 2018

Marcia Murphy, Chair	Present	Sandy Miller	Absent
Ralph Downes, Vice Chair	Absent	Salvatore Morgani	Present
Dave Merwin	Present	Nancy Hayden	Present
Jason Hood	Present	Ken Ross-Raymond, Selectman Ex-Officio	Present
David Kelly	Present	Margaret Warren, Town Administrator	Present
Melinda Wasche	Present	April Rollins, Municipal Secretary	Present

**Other Selectmen Present:** Pete Ballou

**General Public Present:** None.

### **Handouts for Meeting:**

- 2018 Budget figures through 3/31/18
- 2018 Members Listing

Chair Murphy opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m., although the agenda had been posted for 6:30 p.m. accidentally.

**Review & Approve Minutes of February 8, 2018** – Selectman Ross-Raymond made a **motion** to approve the meeting minutes of February 8, 2018 without correction. Dave Merwin **seconded** the motion and the **motion passed unanimously**.

**Election of Officers** - Selectman Ross-Raymond made a **motion** to nominate Marcia Murphy as Chairman and Dave Merwin as Vice Chairman of the Budget Committee. Sal Morgani **seconded** the motion and the **motion passed unanimously**.

**Recommendations for the 2019 Budget** - Chair Murphy asked the members of the Budget Committee if there was anything they may want to look at or discuss from last year. Jason Hood replied employee compensation was left incomplete, so it should be revisited. Selectman Ross-Raymond stated he has recommendations for the Town's employee salaries. Dave Merwin asked if the increases were based on a performance evaluation and given based on merit. Selectman Ross-Raymond replied we can have that discussion. Sal Morgani stated he would like to have the outside organizations the Town funds come to a meeting and show us their books because the statistics presented didn't mean that much to him, we have no way of knowing if the services are being subsidized or not. Selectman Ross-Raymond replied he would be in favor of that and there is no reason we cannot invite them to a meeting. Dave Kelly stated there have been a lot of recent break-ins throughout Town and we should have a discussion regarding expanding the State Police coverage or going the other route.

**Selectmen's Report** - Selectman Ross-Raymond reported people have made it clear they want the mistake made by DRA, in regards to the tax rate, fixed and the Selectmen will hear back from DRA regarding a potential correction in June. Selectman Ross-Raymond stated he has spoken with Superintendent MacLean and the Town's obligation to the School District should be less this coming year because enrollment is down by 14 students.

**Other Business** – None at this time.

**Next Meeting** – Will be held on Monday, *June 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.* at the Academy Hall.

Selectman Ross-Raymond **made a motion to adjourn at 7:09 p.m. David Kelly seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
April Rollins, Municipal Secretary