

Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS Budget Committee Meeting

Meeting Called By:	Budget Committee	Date, Time:	11/23/15 at 19:00
Transcribed By:	Kathy Tobine	Place:	Northfield Town Hall, Upstairs Meeting Room, 21 Summer Street, Northfield

Donnie Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present: Budget Committee Members Don Stevens, Timothy Sattler, Jane Alden, Peter Fogg; Commissioner Pat Clark, Chief Michael W. Sitar, Jr.

Election of Chairman

Jane Alden nominated Donnie Stevens to be the Chairman. Pat Clark seconded the motion. There being no further nominations, Donnie accepted the position as Chair.

Meeting Schedule

Future meetings were discussed. It was decided the Committee will meet from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on December 7th at Tilton Town Hall and December 21st at Northfield Town Hall. The Public Hearing on the Budget was tentatively scheduled for February 10th at 7:00 PM at Northfield Town Hall.

Proposed Warrant Articles

A proposed warrant article to add a fourth shift was discussed. Donnie explained that the Board of Commissioners has the authority to have the shifts however they want. This is a policy and they have the authority to make policy.

Donnie explained the Board of Commissioners have an unwritten agreement with the Water District on a five year deal at the same amount of money. Commissioner Clark commented they will have a warrant article for \$125,988 per year for a five year term. Discussion ensued.

Budget

Commissioner Clark commented that any numbers in the Commissioners budget line have been okayed by the Commissioners. The Commissioners need to review lines 215.01, 215.05, 480 and 560.

Commissioner Clark explained Salaries & Wages includes a 2½% increase for career firefighters. The increase in Call Salaries & Wages was discussed.

Peter Fogg asked about the 2015 Actual column.

Donnie asked how much the budget is actually up. Chief Sitar explained that his budget request is about \$300,000 more than what was appropriated last year. Tim Sattler commented that this is an 18% increase. Tim explained that it is the Chief's role to bring forth the budget that he feels will meet the department's needs, the Commissioners role to pare it down to what they think is responsible and the Budget Committee's to verify.

Tim Sattler requested the Chief provide the narrative to go with the budget. It will help explain a lot of the budget figures.

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The heating fuel for Park Street and Center Street were discussed. Park Street is propane and Center Street is natural gas.

Sewer and water rates and usage were discussed.

Adjournment

Pat Clark made a motion adjourn. Jane Alden seconded the motion. There being no discussion vote was taken. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Tobine