

Town of Sturbridge  
Board of Selectmen Minutes

June 6, 2016

Location: Tantasqua Regional High School Prior to Town Meeting

Present: Mary Blanchard, Craig Moran, Michael Suprenant, Priscilla Gimas, Mary Dowling

Others: Leon A. Gaumond Jr.

The meeting was called to order at 6:18 by Ms. Blanchard. M. Dowling was absent at this time.

The Selectmen discussed several differences between the FinCom budget and the Selectmen recommended budget.

- 1) Line 79 Police Supplies. This concerns the purchase of combat gauze. C. Moran is concerned about expiration of the supplies. Motion C. Moran to hold the line item at Town Meeting, seconded by P. Gimas. All in favor (M. Dowling not present).
- 2) Line 83 Fire Salaries. This concerns the FinCom's desire to add hours to the Admin Asst in the Fire Chief's office. M. Blanchard has a concern with FinCom dictating staffing levels in the Town as well as the assignment of hours. Motion P. Gimas to hold the line item at Town Meeting. Seconded by C. Moran. All in favor (M. Dowling not present).
- 3) Line 89 Building Salaries. This concerns the FinCom's desire to add hours to the Admin Asst in the Building Department. Like the previous item, M. Blanchard has a concern with FinCom dictating staffing levels in the Town as well as the assignment of hours. Motion P. Gimas to hold the line item at Town Meeting. Seconded by C. Moran. All in favor (M. Dowling not present).
- 4) Line 43 Conservation Salaries. The Town Administrator requested to increase the salary for the agent due to new federal FSLA requirements. He asked to have the Selectmen vote to increase the salary line by \$275. Motion P. Gimas to agree with the change. Seconded by C. Moran. All in favor (M. Dowling not present).
- 5) Line 143 Library Salaries. The Town Administrator requested to increase the salary line by \$5,129 to cover the costs of unused benefit time for a soon to be retiring employee. Motion P. Gimas to agree with the change. Seconded by C. Moran. All in favor (M. Dowling not present).

L. Gaumond discussed the ongoing roof project with the Selectmen. He explained that the Town was approached with an offer to use artificial slate on the library. M. Dowling arrived at the meeting at this time. M. Suprenant was open to the idea of using this material and explained his experience was that it was a good product and appeared natural. The remainder of the Board wished to remain with natural slate. Motion P. Gimas to stay with natural slate. Seconded by C. Moran. All in favor.

Motion M. Dowling to adjourn at 6:50 p.m., seconded by C. Moran. All in favor.