

**Town of New Haven
Selectboard Budget Meeting
4:15 pm
Town Offices
Monday, December 13, 2010**

Present: Chair, Pam Marsh, Vice Chair, Roger Boise, Kathy Barrett, Kathleen Ready, Treasurer, Barb Torian and Clerk, Pam Kingman
Absent: Pat Paquette

AGENDA RESULTS:

The Board went over the General Fund budget.

Discussions about:

- Elevator in the Town Hall has stopped working. It needs to be repaired or replaced, \$40,000 in the budget towards fixing it, money to be taken from Reserve Facilities Fund.
- Folding machine to help with monthly newsletters, tax bills, reappraisal notices, etc. cost is roughly \$3,500. The Selectboard denied the request, possibly think about it in the future, need more information and better idea of pricing. Consider separate article asking for voter approval to change the computer fund to be computer / equipment fund.
- Full time employee Health Insurance contribution this year is 20% of the difference between single person coverage, which is fully paid, and the cost of two person of family coverage. Discussed whether to fund the HRA and at what level; how the new hire for the road crew would affect the amount in the HRA. The 3% wage increase will basically cover the 20% contribution. Kathy Barrett made a motion to fund the HRA for a family plan at \$4,500 and \$2,000 for two person plan. Motion seconded by Kathleen Ready. 2 yes / 1 no / 1 abstention Roger Boise said he would like to come back and discuss it when they are closer to knowing the final budget numbers. The Town does not presently offer any retirement plan of disability insurance. A suggestion was made to start a retirement fund, being a Simple IRA fund, with up to a 3% match of salary. This would have to be considered for the next year as it is too late to begin it in 2011. Roger Boise amended his vote from the abstention to a vote of yes, so he could move to reconsider the motion at another time.
- Lister's: Would ask the Lister's to reconsider making the reappraisal appointments themselves, thereby eliminating Linda Cyr's position. The Lister's wages will remain the same.
- Assistant Zoning Administrator: Limited to 5 hours per week @ \$14.00 per hour. While within a given week, the AZA could exceed the 5 hours, the expectation is that the total compensation for the year will remain within the budget and average no more than 5 hours a week.
- Barb Torian suggested the we consider stipends for DRB and PC members – request denied

- Event Coordinator: Increase to 10 hours per week, \$16.00 per hour, this will as a salary.
- Budgeted \$500.00 for the Town's 250th Birthday celebration, summer 2011 in the Parks & Recreation budget.
- Decided to put Parks mowing and maintenance out to bid; it will include Town Offices/Library. (The current 3 year contract has expired.)
- Consider separate Article on the Town Meeting Warning for using up to \$50,000 from the Reserve Facilities Fund for matching grants towards energy efficiency for Town Hall / Town Garage and Fire Department.
- Requests for funding were received from the following organizations: The Red Cross, George Aiken, and the Preservation Trust. Pam Kingman will write letters informing them they must petition the town.
- Jill DeVoe has asked for an increase in pay for cleaning the Town Offices. This discussion will be brought up at a future meeting.

Adjourn: 6:50 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

Approved:



Chair, Pam Marsh



Vice Chair, Roger Boise



Kathy Barrett



Kathleen Ready