



BOARD OF FINANCE

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, February 25, 2015
7:00 p.m.
CJH Municipal Center - Meeting Room "A"

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TOWN OF BETHEL
TOWN CLERK

PRESENT: Bruce Cornwell, Chairman, William Kingston, Eileen Freebairn, Claudia Stephan, and Timothy Draper. Also in attendance were the Board of Selectmen, Comptroller Robert Kozlowski and Assistant Comptroller Brad Herring.

Bruce Cornwell called the Special Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Selectmen presentation of Fiscal Year 2015-2016 recommended budget

First Selectman Knickerbocker presented the Board of Selectmen recommendations for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget as follows:

100-Selectmen's Office

Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request	\$236,970
Board of Selectmen recommended funding	\$236,970

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

110-Treasurer

Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request	\$7,500
Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$7,500

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

120-Finance

Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request	\$409,382
Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$409,382

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

130-Town Clerk

Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request	\$220,227
Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$213,227

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends a reduction of \$7,000 to 130-305 Codification/Microfilming; the town clerk negotiated a reduction in the contract.

140-Assessor

Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request	\$209,696
Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$209,696

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

150-Tax Collector

Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request	\$196,745
Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$196,945

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommended a correction to 150-109 Longevity; the amount should have been \$600 but was listed as \$400 and recommends funding this account at \$196,945.

160-Professional Services

Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request	\$237,680
Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$237,680

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

170-Probate Office

Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request	\$4,966
Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$4,966

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

180-Building Inspection

Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request	\$214,979
Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$214,979

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding. He advised that a software program in the current budget will be utilized for file storage and access.

190 - Data Processing

Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request **\$264,552**
Board of Selectmen recommendation **\$264,552**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

200-Social Services

Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request **\$34,500**
Board of Selectmen recommendation **\$34,500**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

210-Town Insurance

Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request **\$1,162,537**
Board of Selectmen recommendation **\$1,162,537**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

220-Fleet Maintenance

Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request **\$359,096**
Board of Selectmen recommendation **\$359,096**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

230-Public Works

Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request **\$310,542**
Board of Selectmen recommendation **\$279,595**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted the Board of Selectmen reduced 230-101 Director by \$20,000 which will now be paid out of the Public Utilities account, reduced 230-103 Secretary by \$6,948 due to a funding adjustment with Public Utilities, and reduced 230-313 Contracted Services by \$4,000.

240-Highway Department

Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request **\$1,346,248**
Board of Selectmen recommendation **\$1,357,248**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted the Board of Selectmen recommends a reduction to 106-Negotiated Salaries of \$24,000 (part-time administrative assistant) and an increase to 240-404 Road Construction of \$35,000.

250-Planning & Zoning

Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request **\$223,636**

Board of Selectmen recommendation **\$223,636**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

260-Building Maintenance
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request **\$698,413**
Board of Selectmen recommendation **\$698,413**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

270-Tree Warden
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request **\$94,400**
Board of Selectmen recommendation **\$94,400**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

290-Emergency Management
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request **\$30,250**
Board of Selectmen recommendation **\$27,250**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends a reduction of \$3,000 to 290-201 Supplies for the Tower Lease.

300-Fire Marshal
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request **\$90,968**
Board of Selectmen recommendation **\$90,968**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

310-Bethel Fire Department
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request **\$219,675**
Board of Selectmen recommendation **\$176,675**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends a reduction of \$5,500 to 310-207 Fire House Maintenance (painting at \$2,500 and grounds maintenance of \$3,000) and a reduction of \$5,000 to 310-301 Dues & Education (Chief's stipend). He advised that the Hurst motor replacement (\$4,000) and the Station air compressor replacement (\$30,000) would be considered for funding from either the Capital Non-Recurring account, the "to be" proposed Capital items, or even their current budget.

320-Stony Hill Fire Department
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request **\$147,250**

Board of Selectmen recommendation **\$128,750**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends a reduction to 320-202 Equipment & Supplies of \$500, a reduction of \$1,000 to 330-306 Professional Services (recruitment) and a reduction of \$13,000 to 320-403 Capital Equipment for the Thermal Imaging Camera (which is planned to be recommended to come from either the Capital Non-Recurring Account, or the "to be" proposed Capital items.)

330-Registrar of Voters

Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request **\$108,786**

Board of Selectmen recommendation **\$108,786**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

340-Town Boards & Commissions

Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request **\$113,350**

Board of Selectmen recommendation **\$113,350**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

350-Health Department

Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request **\$289,545**

Board of Selectmen recommendation **\$284,545**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends a \$5,000 reduction to 350-313 Capital Equipment for the vehicle. She will be utilizing a used police vehicle.

360-Police Department

Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request **\$4,216,766**

Board of Selectmen recommendation **\$4,189,366**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends a reduction of \$27,400 from 360-403 Capital Equipment of one vehicle.

380-Parks & Recreation

Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request **\$957,572**

Board of Selectmen recommendation **\$947,572**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted the Board of Selectmen recommends a reduction of \$2,500 to 380-105 Part-time salaries, a reduction of \$5,000 to 380-316 Programs and a reduction of \$2,500 to 380-313 Contracted Services for Library areas and islands.

390-Employee Benefits

Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request **\$6,649,543**
Board of Selectmen recommendation **\$6,649,543**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

400-Non. Govt. Agency Subsidies
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request **\$34,588**
Board of Selectmen recommendation **\$17,369**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted the Board of Selectmen recommends funding the following: 400 - Non Government Agency Subsidies at \$17,369. This recommends funding the following: 400-334 Mental Health Center at \$1,500, 400-335 Women's Center at \$3,000, 400-336 Ability Beyond Disability at \$5,000, 400-360 Hospice at \$3,500, 400-366 Bethel Combat Veterans at \$2,500, 400-372 and New Opportunities at \$1,869.

405-Intra Government Agency Subsidies
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request **\$442,840**
Board of Selectmen recommendation **\$422,840**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted a reduction of \$20,000 to 405-349 Visiting Nurse Association and recommends no change to the other line items in this account.

410-Utilities, Charges & Services
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request **\$2,405,362**
Board of Selectmen recommendation **\$2,405,362**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

420-Misc. Charges & Transfers
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request **\$543,390**
Board of Selectmen recommendation **\$543,390**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

430-Senior Center
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request **\$187,061**
Board of Selectmen recommendation **\$187,061**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

435-Library
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request **\$854,486**

Board of Selectmen recommendation **\$835,692**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends a general reduction of 3% from the bottom line of \$18,794.

440-Debt Service
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request **\$3,871,613**
Board of Selectmen recommendation **\$3,871,613**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

450-Board of Education
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request **\$43,382,535**
Board of Selectmen recommendation **\$43,382,535**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

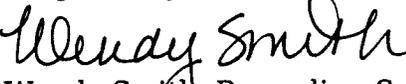
460 - BOE Maintenance
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request **\$500,000**
Board of Selectmen recommendation **\$500,000**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that the Board of Selectmen has not finalized their recommendation for capital items; they will meet Monday March 2nd to determine their recommendations.

The Board of Selectmen's recommended Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget is \$71,086,988 which consists of \$23,332,840 (town operating), \$500,000 (Board of Education Maintenance), \$3,871,613 (Debt Service) and \$43,382,535 (Board of Education).

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Bruce Cornwell Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Eileen Freebairn, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary