

Bond Hearing (must come first in meeting):

Budget: Here are the adjustments based on votes by Board of Selectmen 12/22 which result in zero net change from the earlier -2% total. Library Director expressed concern that her number was based on what she expects people to use and this reduces it \$901.

Dept	Earned Time Before cuts			% used 2014	Reduced Earned time	
	Budget 2015	Budget 2014	Used 2014		Budget 15	
Town Clerk	\$ 6,088	\$ 4,153	\$ 2,899	69.80%	\$ 3,000	
Admin	\$ 11,806	\$ 8,528	\$ 6,761	79.28%	\$ 7,000	
Tax	\$ 2,945	\$ 2,209	\$ 1,909	86.42%	\$ 2,000	
Land Use	\$ 1,648	\$ 1,236	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 400	
Gov Bldg	\$ 1,070	\$ 803	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 200	
Fire	\$ 7,253	\$ 4,472	\$ 5,940	132.83%	\$ 6,000	
Police	\$ 25,000	\$ 28,604	\$ 18,746	65.54%	\$ 18,600	
Bldg-Code	\$ 4,306	\$ 3,223	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 400	
Highway	\$ 22,142	\$ 16,489	\$ 7,657	46.44%	\$ 7,659	
Transfer St.	\$ 2,088	\$ 1,964	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 300	
Recreation	\$ 5,712	\$ 4,176	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 400	
Library	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,987	\$ 5,099	85.17%	\$ 5,099	
	\$ 96,058	\$ 81,844	\$ 49,011	59.88%	\$ 51,058	
Other						
Changes						
Police Tech from Outside detail			\$30,000			
Reduce paved roads by \$50,000			to \$ 875,000			
Increase Exec design by \$15,000			to \$103,100			
Increase WA Emerg Road by \$50,000			to \$100,000			

Warrant: Cemetery. There are two ways to do the Cemetery article, both presented in the proposed warrant. DRA may have a problem with the discontinue and reappropriate one (15). Repurpose (15Alternate) would result in two identical funds carried by the Trustees. There is no impact on the tax rate or fund balance with either, but it does change the total bottom line total since 15 will be in the budget and 15A will not. ***Does the Board prefer the change of purpose (requiring 3/5th) or having the combined article if DRA and Jae allow it?***

Budget: Conservatively we will have \$402,000 to use from projected year end increase in fund balance, perhaps more. We have numerous articles that will increase the fund balance. As I have mentioned the target (a factor of cash flow) has been raised by the state because of the school budget by \$ 92,201 so I wanted that total left after all the calculations to stay at amount to get back to the midpoint target. I

did the warrant on the assumption Fund Balance would be used on all the articles except the bond and Collective Bargaining Agreement (if we have one). The projected increase in the operating budget without using any fund balance but accounting for projected revenue increases would have been 22 cents but since 13.9 cents is from the \$125,000 in paving now in the operating budget, I added that amount from fund balance into the revenue offset for the budget. In the past that paving amount has been a separate article offset by fund balance. If no fund balance were used it would be an increase of 22 cents per thousand or \$55 for the home assessed at \$250,000. Assuming the offset of the \$125,000 with fund balance it is 8 cents or \$20. My preferred option is take the additional \$125,000 paving out of the operating budget (reducing the difference between default and operating budget) and offset it with fund balance. I think it has a better chance of passing. If we have to go to the default budget not only the \$125,000 but probably additional amounts would have to come out of paving. ***How much fund balance does the Board wish to use and how should it be applied?***

	Fund Balance Warrant articles and sources			
	Item	appropriation	Revenue/offset	net used
	7 Fire Truck	\$ 50,000		\$ (50,000)
	8 Fire Equipment	\$ 10,000		\$ (10,000)
	9 Library Tech	\$ 3,000		\$ (3,000)
	10 Cemetery	\$ 10,500		\$ (10,500)
	11 Highway eqpt	\$ 50,000		\$ (50,000)
	12 Bridge	\$ 50,000		\$ (50,000)
	13 Emergency Road	\$ 100,000		\$ (100,000)
	14 Pol. Tech cruisers	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ -
	15 Cemetery transf	\$ 50,077	\$ 50,077	\$ -
	16 Ambulance		\$ 1,225	\$ 1,225
	17 Revaluation		\$ 3,770	\$ 3,770
	18 Water		\$ 25,970	\$ 25,970
	19 Road Plan		\$ 10,072	\$ 10,072
	20 Svenson		\$ 48,000	\$ 48,000
5	Used offset 125,000 paving in 15 Bud last 2yrs offset FB	\$ 125,000	\$ -	\$ (125,000)
	Anticipated Rev excess		\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
	Anticipated unspent		\$ 302,000	\$ 302,000
	TOTALS			\$ 92,537
	Target increase \$92,201 for midpoint recommend range			
	Anticipated Rev & Exp is conservative on what we will have left.			

Firefighter Grant: There is a possibility we can qualify for a grant to help pay for an additional firefighter. It is also possible having it in the budget will mean we can't apply. ***Will the Board approve the application for a grant to pay the cost of the additional firefighter?***

Stating tax impact: ***Does the board wish to use cents per thousand, dollars on a \$250,000 home or both (in proposed warrant)?***

Warrant: DRA indicates we could combine some of the Reserve Articles we are discontinuing, although listing them separately better enables us to explain why we are proposing them. My recommendation is that we keep them separate in case there is strong objections to any one of them, at least we get the rest approved and the accounts cleaned up. ***Does the Board approve the tentative warrant?***

Default Budget: The default budget is \$79,355 below 2014 budget, primarily because of two items, reduced revaluation costs and end of bond payments. Payroll costs for 53rd week and ¼ of year of increase were partially offset by lower health insurance cost because of changes made in the plans. This is \$272,262 below the proposed 2015 budget if the \$125,000 paving is left in the operating budget. My recommendation is to take the additional \$125,000 for paving out of the operating budget (reducing the difference between default and operating budget) and offset it with fund balance in a separate nonlapsing article, like has been done the last two years. I think it has a better chance of passing and it gives us greater flexibility. Remember we will have the \$175,000 paving separate nonlapsing article from 2014 available in 2015. If we have to go to the default budget not only the \$125,000 but probably additional paving amounts would have to be delayed. ***Does the Board approve the proposed default budget? Does the Board want the \$125,000 in or out of the operating budget?***

Town Farm Road: ***Does the Board agree to the warrant articles and the agreement with Mr. Kelsall?***

Warrant Recommendations: I will need Board of Selectmen votes on all articles. Town Attorney is making minor adjustments to two related to Town Farm Road. I will also need the ABC votes on the appropriation articles. ***Does the Board vote to recommend all the Board proposed articles at once or are some a Selectmen wants pulled out for a separate vote?***

Warrant: The Board has received a petitioned warrant article for a rights based ordinance. Jae Whitelaw, our attorney indicates there is no statutory authority to adopt or enforce portions of the proposed ordinance and that some provisions are contrary to the state and federal constitutions. If it passes, I expect we will be sued by one side or the other. If it is placed earlier in the discussion, it is likely more people would be there. ***Where in the warrant does the Board wish to place it? Does the Board recommend it?***

Warrant order: If the Board and Union does not come to agreement before January 13 that article would be pulled out. I would like to move one from near the end up to save renumbering and re-entering on the state form all the articles. ***Does the Board want to change the order of other articles? Does the Board give me authority to move an article or two around to keep the basic agreed upon order?***

Capital Reserve Request: There is a need to amend the Green Hill Road Bridge engineering study by \$3,667.06. The State will pay 80%. This is because of the need to do some preliminary archeology on the site. ***Will the Board request the Trustees pay \$3,667.06 from the Transportation fund for Hoyle Tanner and Associates Green Hill Road Bridge Project?***

Question on Engineering RFQ: Question has arisen if the Board would be willing to divide the services into the two components (Engineer of record for the Town and the Planning Board services) since a member of the firm sits on the Planning Board? The RFQ does describe the two functions separately. ***Would the Board consider splitting the request to hire two different firms?***

Firefighter Grant: There is a possibility we can qualify for a grant to help pay for an additional firefighter. It is also possible having it in the budget will mean we can't apply. ***Will the Board approve the application for a grant to pay the cost of the additional firefighter?***

Girl Scout Project: The Conservation Commission is proud to inform you that Alicia Lee, a Barrington Girl Scout and lifelong Barrington resident has agreed to do an improvement project in the Barrington Town Forest. Her project will include replacing some of the worn signage and also some repairs and improvements to the amphitheater area. The project will be part of her Gold Award Project, a process akin to the Eagle Scout process for Boy Scouts. She will work closely with Charlie Tatham of the Trails Committee.

EcoPark: Met with two people who run an excavation business and have successfully removed ledge to create large building pad/parking areas for commercial development. It will take time and money to develop this site, especially given the extensive wetlands and ledge. They reviewed the Proulx deal and noted the cost of his proposal exceeded any possible return the way he was designing it. They are going to review the costs and get back to me with a proposal. It seems fairly clear that access over Liberty Truck's lot will be important to get to the best sites for development. Much of the middle of the frontage is too wet to develop.

Assistant Recreation Director: Jason has resigned to take another position. Here is the procedure on filling the vacancy based on the memorandum of understanding between the Board of Selectmen and Recreation Commission. "

The Board of Selectmen agree that the procedures for hiring employees to fill the positions of Director, Assistant Director, and Administrative Assistant of the Recreation Department, which are included within the town operating budget, will be as follows: The Recreation Commission may advertise, interview and bring a recommendation of their top candidates to the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen may accept or reject a candidate, but may not then appoint another candidate unless that candidate is recommended by the Recreation Commission."

I need a "nonmeeting" under RSA 91-A to discuss union labor negotiations.