

Winthrop Town Council Budget Review Meeting: 6:00 PM, May 16, 2016

Attending: Sarah Fuller, Chairperson; David Bubier, Barbara Buck, Linda Caprara, Richard Henry, Linda MacDonald, Lauri Carson, Laurie Graves, P. Nielsen, Carl Swanson, Matt Burnham, Melody Main, Chief Frost, Elizabeth Sienko, Mark Arsenault, Richard Fortin, Sue Thomas.

Item 61. Chairperson Fuller explained the proposed list of Budget adjustments prepared for the Council's consideration. The Town Manager added background information.

Councilor MacDonald noted the Library Director's salary was not on the list of raises the Manager is recommending; Chairperson Fuller explained that position falls under the Library Trustees' responsibility.

Councilor Caprara supported the recommended raises for Public Works Director and Ambulance Director, and opposed the Town Manager's other recommendations for certain department head salary adjustments. She said the percentage increases were too much. Chairperson Fuller disagreed. Councilor Caprara moved the recommended increases for Public Works Director and Ambulance Director, and provide 2% increases for the others. The motion received no second. Councilors Henry and MacDonald explained their views.

Chairperson Fuller asked the Council for further discussion related to the budget. Councilor Henry proposed raising an additional sum to improve the town's fund balance. Councilor Caprara opposed the idea.

Chairperson Fuller asked the Council if there was any further discussion on the budget. There was none. She said we will post the budget, with changes to date, including the list of reductions prepared for tonight's meeting, in the Community Advertiser for public hearing and Council action on June 6, 2016.

Item 62. The Council voted to accept a forfeiture of funds, if awarded by Superior Court, on the grounds that the Winthrop Police Department made a substantial contribution to the investigation of a criminal case (Henry/Buck, 6-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.