

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES
November 8, 2004 Budget Workshop

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Alan Carpenter, Galen Stearns, Roger Hohenberger, Chris Doyle and Bruce Breton were present. David Sullivan, Town Administrator, Dana Call, Finance Director, Don Messier, Fire Chief and Tom McPherson, Deputy Fire Chief were also in attendance. Meeting commenced at 7:00 pm.

BUDGET WORKSHOP: The Board of Selectmen met to discuss the 2005 budget for the Fire Department and Emergency Management. Discussion ensued regarding the proposed Rte. 28 Substation as well as new personnel proposed in the operating budget. The Selectmen moved to include two new firefighters in the 2005 budget (3-2 vote), however, it was noted that all new personnel will be voted on in separate warrant articles.

Further discussion ensued regarding the 2005 Overtime budget, as well as the actual spent in the 2004 budget. The Selectmen moved to reduce the 2005 Overtime budget by \$28,180 due to the assumption that the two new firefighters will be available to fill earned time shifts, as well as other coverage changes available to the Fire Chief. There was further discussion regarding the remainder of the operating budget, with no significant changes.

The Emergency Management budget was then discussed with no changes made by the Selectmen.

OLD BUSINESS: Dana Call discussed the Searles restoration project and the remaining bill of \$4,756.12 from Fulcrum Associates to be paid. It was moved to pay the bill from the Searles operating budget unless it becomes evident that this will cause the Town to go over budget in total, thus the money would be transferred from the Property Trust account.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Call
Finance Director

NOTE: These minutes are prepared in draft form and have not been submitted to the Board for approval.