



Town of Griswold

28 Main Street
Griswold, CT 06351



**Board of Selectman
Special Meeting
Selectmen's Meeting Room
Friday, March 10, 2017
9:00 AM**

MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call** – Meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Kevin Skulczyck, First Selectman

Members Present: Kevin Skulczyck, First Selectman
Steve Merchant Sr., Second Selectman
Martin McKinney Jr., Third Selectman

Others Present: Erik Christensen, Finance Director

- 2. Discussion and possible action on 2017/2018 departmental budgets**

E. Christensen went over each department budget. It was agreed the goal was to stay at below 2%. The following department cuts were made.

Building Dept. – Proposed full-time Building Official position was cut to part-time.

Public Works – Additional full-time Driver position was cut and a seasonal position returned.

First Selectman – Medical Insurance for First Selectman was cut to a single person cost.

Charitable Organizations – Organizations were flat funded matching last year, with the exception of American Legion Baseball which was cut to \$10.

Elected Officials salaries (excluding BOS) were funded at a 1% increase.

Contract Temp (1201/5120) – Line item was cut \$1,875.

Building Office (3301/5210) – Supplies were cut \$4,000.

Accumulated Sick Time (7201/5135) – Line item was cut \$10,000.

Planning (6101/5120M) – Economic Development Coordinator was cut, but line (1201/5120N) was changed to Grant Writer/Proj. Funded Mgr./Economic Dev. Coordinator.

Unemployment Compensation (7201/5160) – Line item was cut \$3,000.

These cuts bring the general government operating budget to 1.57% increase.

If the budget were to go forward with the BOE proposal, the general government proposal and the projected \$400,000 cut from the state the mil rate increase would be 2.48 mils.

If we had the benefit of debt service but not capital general government would be down under 1% increase. If capital improvements were flat funded and we benefited with debt service, the general government budget would be at 0.6% increase.

The budget for the BOE does not include the town having to fund the teacher's retirement and alone is a 4% increase on last year's total budget.

Animal Control is holding at last year's numbers awaiting other proposals.

MOTION: Motion was made by M. McKinney, seconded by S. Merchant, to present the general government budget including the proposed cuts above for a total budget of \$7,687,926 including debt service and capital, and a projected 1.57% increase not including debt service and capital, to the BOF. **Motion carried unanimously.**

3. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion was made by M. McKinney, seconded by S. Merchant, to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 AM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. Wood,
Executive Assistant