



**Town of Sherman**  
**Board of Selectmen Meeting**  
**Mallory Town Hall**  
**Special Meeting / Budget Workshop**  
**Thursday, March 28, 2013**

**Attendees:**

Clay Cope, First Selectman      Andrea O'Connor, Selectman      Chris Jellen, Selectman

**Call to Order:**

Meeting is called to order by First Selectmen Cope at 6:35pm conference room Mallory Town Hall.

- Budget stands at a combined 6.25% increase.
- Selectman Jellen asked about the mill rate change. It was stated at 16.979, round up to 17.
- Selectman O'Connor asked if the extra capital expenditure is shown. Mr. Holub stated that \$300,000 was not.
- The next \$300,000 for a total of \$600,000. Leave \$160,000 for emergency. Include projects at the top of list.
- Mr. Holub stated that he is not sure that taking on financing is a good idea since we are trying to improve the Town's credit rating with Moody's.
- First Selectman Cope (FSC) stated that there will be a flat 2% increase across the board for non-union employees. The union employees increase is only in salary, not health and benefits. Selectman O'Connor stated that any negotiation ability has been blown by publishing the increases for the union employees.
- FSC stated that he would like to start at the beginning.
- Tax assistant shown as an increase. That was supposed to be kept the same as current budget.
- The Selectmen all opted to not take raises in salary.
- Liz LaVia asked about the Assessors line. Should the IT hours be broken out to show the increase in hours from 1 hour a week to 3 hours a week, non-union and reduce the assistants hours by 1 hour.
- P&Z has a 2% increase. ZBA needed the continuing education monies.
- Registrars are able to reduce the line because the previous year had a presidential election.
- CCM has been removed.
- There is a change in IT line 17-07.
- FSC asked if the facilities manager could be deferred. Selectman O'Connor stated that it could not.
- Public Safety: The Police Office position was discussed. Selectman Jellen suggested taking this position off the list for another year. It was decided to remove the Police Officer from this budget. \$39,000 to be removed Capital Non-Reoccurring.
- CLA: Committing to go with the full amount requested.
- There were changes made to Parks and Rec. Selectman Jellen asked how the BoS felt about the \$5,000 for the beach house. Selectman O'Connor stated that the tennis court needs repair and suggest using that money towards that. Selectman O'Connor also stated that this was a gift to the Town and doesn't understand why P&R has not repaired it. It was decided to move the \$5,000 from the beach house to the Tennis Court. Mr. Holub

stated he thinks it was \$27,000 for the last court that was repaired. Selectman O'Connor stated that it could be asphalt instead of rubberized as it is right now.

- Leasing: Worth exploring, but not this budget year.
- ESF: \$5,000 can be removed if the move is made by June 30th.
- Capital Non-Reoccurring: Remove \$36,471 for start up. \$300,000 is the right level to maintain with the big items such as the truck, roofs, etc.
- Selectman O'Connor stated the only other cut is not to do salaries. FSC stated that he did not want to do that because it was flat last year.
- It was asked if the April 11th hearing should be pushed back. Selectman Jellen stated that he did not think it should be pushed back.
- The BoS will meet in the afternoon on April 4th.
- Mrs. LaVia will input the changes to be voted on at the end of the regular BoS meeting this evening.

**Adjournment:**

Adjournment for the special meeting was called by First Selectman Cope at 7:10pm. Selectman O'Connor moved, Selectman Jellen second; all in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Tabitha Fazzone, Clerk

  
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Clay Cope, First Selectman

  
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Andrea O'Connor, Selectman

  
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Chris Jellen, Selectman

\* This meeting was not recorded due to a malfunction. Minutes from notes only.