

## Minutes of the Selectmen's Work Session January 28, 2016

Members present: Jim Andersen, Chairman, Lynn Sweet and Bryant Scott

In attendance: Scott Whitehouse

The Selectmen's work session was called to order at 5:34PM.

The Selectmen met briefly to review the most recent revisions to the budget and warrant before the budget hearing in a week. The Selectmen are hopeful that those who might have questions about the budget will attend and be able to ask those questions.

The Board will hold a brief meeting after the Budget Hearing to authorize payroll and payment of bills.

Some thoughts about upcoming Town Meeting were discussed. Ms. Sweet will do a PowerPoint presentation to open the meeting giving an overview of the budget, recent accomplishments and comparisons with other Towns. Depending what is passed at Town Meeting, the budget is higher than last year by 2%-6%. Chief Whitehouse is planning to do a PowerPoint presentation for the Fire Department budget and warrant articles.

The swearing in of the new Police Chief will take place at Town Meeting. Some thoughts were shared about the ceremony itself and the possible participants. Much of it will depend on the wishes of the new chief.

It was noted that Eric Rowe has met with the Conservation Commission and discussed with them the possibility of an easement for electricity across Conservation property.

The Selectmen reviewed January 19<sup>th</sup> Selectmen Meeting minutes, but did not approve them as some additions are needed.

The subject of audio recording of meetings was discussed. The Selectmen's Office was advised that individual boards, including the Board of Selectmen, reserve the right to choose how they wish to make record of their minutes. Requests for a change in the method is merely advisory.

With no further business to transact, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:56.