

**Town of Milton
Board of Selectmen Workshop
Wednesday, April 16, 2014
Milton Town Hall
Meeting Minutes**

Members in attendance: Chairman Tom Gray, Michael Beaulieu, Bob Bridges and Elizabeth Dionne
Town Administrator.

Others in attendance: Kimberly Ladisheff, Karen Brown, Kathy Wallingford, Brian Boyers, Clarence Nason, Pat Smith, Michelle Beauchamp, Police Chief Richard Krauss, Larry Brown, Les Elder, Laurie Palmeira, Betsy Baker and Fire Chief Nick Marique.

Public in attendance: Stan Nadeau, Steve Elliot, Bob Carrier and Devon Pageau.

Chairman Gray called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Gray stated this is a workshop between the BOS and department heads and there will be no public comments or questions. He then explained they would like each department head to go through their budgets line by line and see what is absolutely critical for the operation of their departments and where they might be able to cut.

Town Administration: line 110-salary FT can be slightly cut which would decrease lines 220-fica & 225-medicare a little. Line 240-training; some of that could be put on hold. Line 330-registry depending on how many real estate transactions occur, line 391-legal notices/ads, line 610-printing/copies and there is a possibility lines 741-equipment purchase and line 840-mileage/travel can be lowered.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: line 240-training there is an extra \$100 that won't be needed. Line 330-registry only half of that will be needed and line 741-equipment can be lowered.

Assessing: line 395-professional services

Insurance/Benefits: contractual, nothing can be done with that

Government Buildings: no place to cut, line 720-bldg. maintenance will be basic maintenance only. Line 725-cemetery maintenance; Pat would like to send a bill to town of Lebanon which will decrease this line and line 741-equipment purchase will not be touched unless something is absolutely needed.

Police: Chief stated as long as lease goes through line 731-vehicle purchase/lease should have some savings. Line 144-grants and line 240-training. Line 640-vehicle fuel depends on amount of time cars are on the road. Line 420-heat and line 450-telephone usually has some money left over but heat cost is way up this year.

Fire Department: most lines are right on but line 240-training there could be money there if they don't do any training. Line 640-vehicle fuel is already 45% spent and line 420-heat is already 93% spent. Line 741-equipment purchase can be cut but it will put us behind in the future but there is a possibility and line 961-per diem will not be overspent.

Planning & Code: line 240-training can be cut along with lines 610-printing, 620-supplies and 625-postage.

Public Works Department: – estimating another \$70,000 at end of year for snowplowing. This is a cost of lines that come together for fuel, sand, salt and labor. Line 240-training, will not do any for the rest of the year, will freeze lines 620-supplies and 742-equipment lease. Line 630-operating supplies is gravel, hot top, signs, posts, etc. so it's hard to say. Line 340-contracted services, if they get away with not cutting trees can save there. Line 645-diesel fuel is in trouble.

Solid Waste & Recycling: line 371-disposal, once the scales are up and going it should offset the tipping fees somewhat and line 620-supplies, will only do the basics.

Outside Appropriations: line 351-Homemakers Health Services is requesting payment. B. Bridges feels all lines should be frozen. Chief Krauss stated line 355-youth sponsorship will save \$1500 as he has no DARE officer this year.

Welfare: the Welfare Director was not present.

Recreation: line 240-training will only be half, line 290-uniforms can be eliminated, line 620-supplies can maybe cut in half, line 840-mileage & travel can be cut down.

Library: line 340-contracted services can save a little and line 120-salary, line 620-supplies is usually overspent but Betsy will do her best. Line 630-program supplies and line 741-equipment purchase can be cut back. M. Beaulieu commented he wants all department heads to leave the salary lines alone.

Contingency & Bonding: line 551-bond interest TANS and line 551-unanticipated expenses can possibly be cut but it is too early to tell.

T. Gray asked all department heads to put a dollar amount to the lines where they think they can save. The Board is looking to have a pool of money to help offset things that are going to go over. They will look at this again on May 14th at 5:00pm.

Motion by B. Bridges at 5:55pm to adjourn. Motion seconded by M. Beaulieu. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Ladisheff – Recording Clerk

Chairman Tom F. Gray

Robert L. Bridges

James Michael Beaulieu