

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF FINANCE
MARCH 10, 2016
7:00 PM
LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM**

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Tim Geib.

2. Members Present

In attendance were Tom Mazzoli, Bill Salka, Michael Parker, Tim Geib, and Joe Tolisano. Also in attendance were First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectman Kathy Devlin, Selectman Bud Knorr, Superintendent Dr. Maynard Suffredini, Bill Boutwell, and member of the Board of Education.

3. FY 2017 Budget Presentations

a. Board of Education Budget – Expenditures

Dr. Maynard Suffredini and Bill Boutwell presented the Board of Education budget for Fiscal Year 2017. The Board of Education budget includes a proposed increase of 2.85% over FY 2016. The drivers for the increase in the school budget are union salary increases and insurance premium increases.

Michael Parker asked if budgeted expenditures for FY17 Special Education are based on current year expenditures/enrollments. Suffredini responded that the budget is based on current enrollment.

b. Board of Selectmen Budget – Expenditures

The Board of Selectmen presented the Town's expense budget. The FY 2017 Board of Selectmen budget is a 0%, \$0.00 increase over FY 2016. With the restructuring of the Fire Department and decreases in other departments, the Town was able to offset the increase in health insurance premiums and add 2.5FTE positions into the FY 2017 budget without any increases.

c. Town Revenue Budget

Michael Marinaccio presented the Town of Somers Revenue Budget for FY 2017. In current standing, the Town is presenting an \$805,000 revenue shortfall. This is in part due to revaluation and cuts at the State level.

Tim Geib asked when the last tax increase was. Marinaccio replied that the last tax increase was 3 years ago.

4. FY 2017 Budget Discussion and Recommendations

There was no further discussion on the New Year budget.

5. Budget Referendum Schedule

Joe Tolisano moved to approve the budget referendum schedule presented, seconded by Tom Mazzoli. There was no further discussion and a unanimous vote followed.

6. Budget Flyer, Content Finalization and Approval

Mike Marinaccio gave the Board the proposed Budget Flyer for FY 2017. Until a decision is reached on the budget, finalization of the flyer was not made.

7. Adjournment

Tom Mazzoli moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm, seconded by Michael Parker. There was no further discussion and a unanimous vote followed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Wissinger

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