

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Gould called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

II. SEWER TAX RATE

Mr. Swanson advised the Board that after final review of the Sewer Tax Rate for 2014-2015 an adjustment needs to be made. Documentation was reviewed by the Select Board. The rate will be reduced to \$7.44 per 100 cu. ft..

On a motion of Mr. Holt, second Mr. Bristow the Select Board voted to revise the sewer tax rate to \$7.44 per 100 cu. ft. Motion approved.

III. Budget Review

A. Emergency Services

1. Communications

Penny Davis was present for review of the communications budget. There is a slight increase in the budget proposed for 2015-2016.

Ms. Davis mentioned the age of the secondary (back up) radio, for which parts are no longer available.

2. Fire Department

Fire Chief L.D. Sutherland, Jr. was present for review of the Fire Department Budget.

Mr. Swanson distributed a letter from Chief Sutherland which notified the Select Board of Chief Sutherland's intent to retire December 31, 2015.

Chief Sutherland reviewed the accomplishments of the Fire Department during his time as chief. He noted the importance of Mr. Swanson's support, guidance and cooperation in making the department successful. Chief Sutherland noted that he will be available for consultation after he is no longer fire chief.

The timeline for finding the next chief was briefly outlined. The search will begin in September.

Review of the Fire Department Budget followed.

Fire Equipment is in good condition, the ten-year rule for bunker gear was briefly discussed.

Chief Sutherland reported there were no structure fires between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014, and no property loss.

Following review of the Fire Department Budget, on a motion of Mr. Holt, second Mr. Bristow, the Select Board voted to accept Chief Sutherland's letter of resignation with congratulations and gratitude. Motion approved.

B. RECREATION

The Rec Center Budget was reviewed. Gail Devine was present.

C. PENTANGLE

Pentangle Director, Alita Wilson was present to discuss the budget for Pentangle and the special article to be voted at Town Meeting by Australian ballot.

D. MISCELLANEOUS

The final budget meeting was rescheduled for Saturday, January 17, 2015 at 9:00 A.M.

Police Chief Robbie Blish will come in to discuss the Police Department Contract for services in the Town. A new contract must be signed before July 1, 2015.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

The Select Board will interview individuals interested in being the Board's Representative to the Library Board of Directors at their February meeting.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The Select Board voted to adjourn their meeting at 10:45 A.M.