

**Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting**

**February 20, 2018
5:30 P.M. Town Hall**

Present: Bruce Adams and Chris Garrity.

Also present: Darlene Brady, Bonnie Donzella, Alan Gawel, Donna Hayes, Rob Hayes, Rick Osborne, John Russell, Susie Rundall and Lynn Worthington.

Mr. Adams called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Administrative Assistant Joyce Kearns reviewed the following departments with the Board of Selectmen:

Board of Selectmen – operating budget remained flat

Probate – Slight decrease

Town Hall - \$3,500 decrease primarily due to reduction in computer services line.

Current year has four workstations slotted to be replaced, and next year it only would be two.

Grants and Associations – still waiting on a few

Police Protection – there is a 3.37% increase. Mr. Adams stated that the three private schools each give \$20,000 and next fiscal year Highwatch will give \$50,000 toward the resident trooper program.

Town Utilities – water bill reflects a slight increase

Senior Center – remained flat

Community House – reflects an increase to install a grease trap

Swift House – remained flat

Transfer Station – operating budget remained flat. There is a request for a salary increase for the two transfer station attendants

Highway foreman – there was a request for a salary increase for the highway foreman

Mr. Adams discussed the Kent Center School Ball Fields – the budget reflects a reduction from \$6,000 to \$4,000. Mr. Adams stated he would like to see the line put back to \$6,000.

Mr. Adams stated that he would like to keep the line for the Public Restroom flat.

Emergency Management Director Susie Rundall requested an increase from \$2,000 to \$3,210. She stated that new portable radios need to be purchased.

Kent Volunteer Fire Department Chief Alan Gawel and President Bonnie Donzella stated that the KVFD's budget is running with a deficit. Mr. Gawel stated that there is not an approved budget at this time. The officers have met and feel that the grant request should be increase to \$92,000. Mr. Gawel will report back to the Board of Selectmen once the KVFD budget has been approved.

The Board of Selectmen joined the already started Board of Finance meeting at 7:25 p.m.

The Board of Finance asked the KVFD to review the Five-Year Capital plan and bring a new request to the Board of Selectmen for review.


Mr. Garrity made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. Mr. Adams seconded the motion and the motion carried.


Joyce Kearns
Administrative Assistant

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