

Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting

April 9, 2015
2:00 P.M. Town Hall

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Present: Bruce Adams, Susi Williams and Mike VanValkenburg.

Also present: Lesly Ferris, Donna Hayes, and Rick Osborne.

Mr. Adams called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Adams stated that the Board of Finance met on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 and stated the following:

Mr. Sebetic proposed asking the boards to look at their budgets and come back to the Finance Board with any suggested cuts. Mr. Sebetic said whatever tax increase the board takes to the Town, the Town would have to decide what it wants to fund. He added that the Town has lived off the rainy day fund and now the Town would have to decide what it wants and what it doesn't want to pay for. Mr. Sebetic said this might stimulate a higher turnout at the hearing, and the board might get some sense from the Town of what sort of appetite it has for a tax increase.

Mr. Sebetic proposed a 2:1 ratio, Board of Selectmen to Board of Education, for proposed budget cuts, saying the Finance Board should ask the two boards to come up with their best estimates for cuts and go from there.

Mr. Blacketter made a motion that the Board of Finance ask the Board of Selectmen to propose \$200,000 and the Board of Education to propose \$100,000 in cuts each would make from their respective budget proposals if they had to cut and to provide this information to the Board of Finance in priority order and to include the impact the proposed cuts would have. Mr. Sebetic seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously. The board agreed to continue work on the budget at its April 21 meeting.

Mr. Adams provided three very general scenarios for budget cuts for the purpose of discussion. After a brief discussion it was determined that a better way to approach the Board of Finance's request was to compile a list of specific items that could be prioritized and detail the impact.

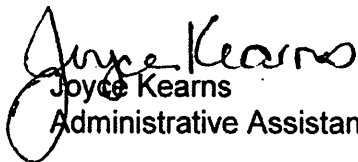
The Board of Selectmen agreed to include the following items on the list:

- Paramedic-to be cut from the budget and responsibility turned over to KVFD, resulting in a reduction of \$39,479
- Proposed new full-time highway employee reduced to a part-time employee, resulting in a reduction of \$80,000
- Remove the request for a new server, resulting in a reduction of \$10,000
- Remove the request for a new website, resulting in a reduction of \$3,500

- Park and Rec offered a reduction of \$1,000
- The Tax Collector's office offered a reduction of \$700
- Transfer Station offered a reduction of \$5,000
- Civil Preparedness offered a reduction of \$2,000
- Chore Services grant request to be reduced to remain flat, resulting in a reduction of \$2,500
- Women's Support Services grant request to be reduced to remain flat, resulting in a reduction of \$300
- Kent Memorial Library's grant reduced to \$86,000, resulting in a reduction of \$2,000
- Kent Volunteer Fire Department's grant request reduced to \$81,250, resulting in a reduction of \$3,750

The Board of Selectmen agreed to warn a meeting for Monday, April 13, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. to review the list, prioritize and show the impact if that item was cut from the budget.

Mrs. Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:46 p.m. Mr. VanValkenburg seconded and the motion carried.


 Joyce Kearns
 Administrative Assistant

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