

Milton Selectboard Special Meeting

December 10, 2015 6:00 PM

Municipal Building Community Room

Selectboard Members Present: Darren Adams, Chair; Stuart King; Vice Chair (via video conference); John Bartlett, Clerk; Kenneth Nolan, Member, John Cushing; Member

Selectboard Members Not Present: None

Staff Members Present: Donna Barlow Casey, Town Manager; John Gifford, Interim Finance Director; Erik Wells, Director- Administration & Community Services; Kym Duchesneau, Recreation Coordinator; Ben Nappi, Assistant Recreation Coordinator; Meghan Bellavance, Library Director

Others Present: Ted Beaudoin, Jim Ballard, Kate Caderact, Jen Dooley, Tom Frank, Tracy Hempstead, Veronica Valz, Gail Wixson, John Lindsay, Cyndi Dowling

I. **Call to Order** – Adams called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

II. **Flag Salute**- Adams led attendees in a salute to the flag

III. **Agenda Review**- Wells asked to add the Administrative Services budget discussion and discuss staff health care for calendar year 2016 be added to the budget hearings item

IV. **Public Forum**- none

V. **Budget Hearings**

The Board reviewed and discussed the following FY '17 budgets with staff: Health, Library, Recreation, Finance and Selectboard. Legal and contingency budgets will be discussed later in the FY '17 budget process.

Representatives from outside agencies and groups were given up to 5 minutes to discuss funding requests as components of the FY '17 budget (these are allocations within the health budget). Requests discussed were from: Arrowhead Senior Center, General Stannard House Restoration Committee, COTS, Howard Center, Visiting Nurses' Association, Hope Works, Green Up Vermont, Milton Family Community Center, VT Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Champlain Valley Agency on Aging, VT Center for Independent Living, Milton Grange, American Red Cross, Milton Community Youth Coalition.

Wells briefed the Board that the Town's Health Plan offering for staff in 2016 should be adjusted due to a major change in 2016- the deductibles are doubling. Wells explained the current structure of the high deductible plan offered including health saving account and health reimbursement arrangements funded by the Town. He is preparing a recommendation for a change and discussing this with union leadership. By reallocating funds from the health reimbursement arrangement budget, which are budgeted based on potential use for co-insurance which is dependent on need, a move could be close to cost neutral and provide a better overall offering for staff to close out FY '16 and in FY '17.

The Board asked Wells and Barlow Casey to work with staff and union leadership to arrive at a decision for how to proceed on health care, and look into other carriers for costs.

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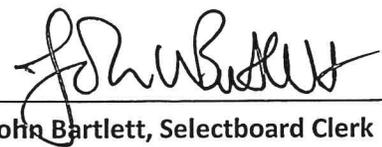
VI. Adjournment

Cushing moved to adjourn. Second by Bartlett. Independent roll, all approved.

Adams adjourned the meeting at 9:30 PM.

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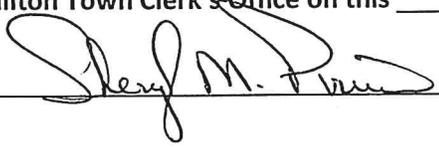
Respectfully Submitted,



Date: 12/29/15

John Bartlett, Selectboard Clerk

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ATTEST:  Milton Town Clerk