



## **Town of Amherst, NH**

### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**

**Barbara Landry Meeting Room**

**2 Main Street**

**Monday, December 26, 2016**

**10:00 AM**

Present: Chairman Dwight Brew, Selectman Grella and Selectman Peter Lyon

Excused: Vice Chairman Reed Panasiti and Clerk Nathaniel Jensen

Also present: Town Administrator Jim O'Mara and John D'Angelo, Chairman of Ways and Means Committee

Chairman Brew called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Brew asked if the Board objected to taking up the agenda items out of order. Selectmen Grella and Lyon did not object to addressing the FY18 budget first.

Chairman Brew advised that the FY18 proposed budget approved by the Board at their last meeting on Monday, December 19, 2017, has a calculation error; the budget did not include step increases for eligible employees. Approximately 58% of our employees are eligible to receive step increases. The corrected calculation increased the proposed budget by \$37,000 for a new FY18 budget of \$13,189,021.

Selectmen Lyon stated that he thought the budget approved at the last meeting included step increases and it would not be fair to leave the funding out of the budget. Selectmen Grella agreed and asked if \$37,000 was the accurate amount.

Chairman Brew said it was.

Selectman Lyon moved to amend the FY 18 proposed budget by \$37,000 for a total budget of \$13,189,021. Second by Selectman Grella. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

The Board recessed the regular meeting to enter a non-meeting pursuant to NH RSA 91-A: 2, I (a) Strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining at 10:20 a.m. Mr. D'Angelo left the room.

Chairman Brew ended the recess and reconvened the regular meeting at 10:35 a.m. Mr. D'Angelo returned to the meeting room.

Selectman Grella moved to approve the tentative collective bargaining agreement between the town and the patrolmen's union AFSCME Local 3657. Second by Selectman Lyon. Chairman Brew thought the Board should refrain from engaging in any detailed discussion until the union takes their vote. All of the Selectmen agreed. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Selectman Lyon moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. Second by Selectman Grella. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

The meeting ended at 10:46 a.m.

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Selectman Peter Lyon

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Date