

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE STRAFFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
January 28, 2015

Members of the public body present: Rod Maclay, Chair, Brent Cadwell, John Freitag, Brian Johnson

Steve Marx by speaker phone

Other active participants: Lisa Kendall, Town Clerk

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

John distributed copies of a proposal on one way to level fund the amount to be raised by taxes. Brent proposed raising the amount needed for taxes by \$48,444 or roughly 4.7%. He cited needs to make up for cutbacks in spending last year that were made in order to help reduce the highway fund deficit. Brian requested amending the figure by reducing the Orange County Sheriffs budget by \$5,000, noting that in past years they did not use at least this much of their contract and it would not reduce services from what we have been receiving. He also proposed reducing the amount spent on having a non-board recording clerk by \$500 and using \$12,500 in unrestricted general funds to reduce the amount needed to be raised by taxes. This results in an \$18,000 decrease in the amount originally proposed which roughly represents a 3% increase in the amount to be raised by taxes over what was approved last year. Brent accepted the amendment.

The following motion was then made: to adopt a budget of \$1,036,210. In favor Rod, Brent, Brian, opposed: Steve and John. The motion passed and this will be the figure to be voted on at Town Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Next meetings:

Special Meeting: to adopted the Warning for Town Meeting

Regular Meetings: February 11 and February 25 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office

Special Meeting: February 26 Pre-Town Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Barrett Hall

Respectfully submitted,

John Freitag, Acting Recording Secretary