

**TOWN OF TIVERTON**

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, March 12, 2015**

**7:00 PM**

**TIVERTON TOWN HALL**

**343 HIGHLAND ROAD**

**TIVERTON, RI 02878**

**MINUTES**

**Meeting called to order 7:08 PM**

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

**Roll Call: Present: Deb Janick, John Souza, Donna Cook, Madeline O'Dell, Nancy Driggs, Cecil Leonard, Louise Durfee, Joe Bento, Alex Cote**

**Absent: Josh Mello, Laura Epke**

**Videotaping by Andrew Rys for airing on Channel 18 during week.**

**1. Presentation of the following proposed 2016 budgets utilizing revised 3/3/15 figures:**

**Senior Center by Janice Gomes, Director: Discussion of the cuts to capital funding for window replacement is the major issue for Sr Center.**

**Library Services by Barbara Donnelly, Greg Jones, Dr Leon Hoyer, Ann Grealish-Rust: Discussion in regards to difference between Library request for new library and TA recommendation; also discussion about need to maintain services at Union Library.**

**Parks and Recreation by Susan Gill (Rec Commission Chair) and Keith Cory (Rec Director): Much discussion about plans for Rec Commission to be self supporting. Plans to increase fees for Summer Rec program with restructuring of staffing to improve efficiency. Also to move summer rec possibly to THS and Ranger School. Also to bring in other outside camps with fees; Plan to have Grinnels Beach closed this year due to construction which will decrease operating costs for beaches. Requested that they return with more final numbers.**

**Harbor Commission and Harbor Master by Bruce Cox (Chairperson of Harbor Commission) and Tyler Loomis (Harbor Master); Vote taken as below.**

**Health and Human Services: Susan Skant, COO, presents budget with figures including numbers of Tiverton residents assisted in each area of their scope of service.**

**Mr Cox recommends that Chairs of Commissions be notified by email on BC schedule of appearances. Mr Souza does report this is being addressed for next year.**

**Planning Dept Budget presented by TA Matt Wojci. Vote taken as below.**

**Much discussion about need to make cuts due to increase of health**

insurance 13.6% which was not anticipated. Again further discussion over the \$600 thousand removed from savings last year. This decreased the levy by \$600 thousand. For a goal of increase 2% over last year, including the Library bond, will need to increase the levy 2% just to maintain same exact budget as last year.

Discussion of previous and current 2016 Budget Presentations including, but not limited to: reviewing, modifying, and taking provisional votes to be discussed further when preparing the Budget Committee recommendations for the FTR. Provisional votes taken as follows to accept the departmental totals as recommended by the Town Administrator/Town Council unless otherwise noted:

<b>DEPT</b>		<b>Motion</b>
<b>Made/Seconded</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>VOTE</b>
Harbor Master Budget		J Souza/M O'dell
	\$21110	9-0-0
Planning Dept		J Bento/C Leonard
\$101153		9-0-0

**2. Old Business:**

Format of Budget Committee final recommendations: Nancy to continue in same format. To be continued until next meeting.

**3. Approval of minutes from March 11, 2015 meeting J Bento makes motion to accept; C Leonard 2nd; Vote: 8-0-1 (A Cote abstains as he was not present)**

**4. Adjourn approximately 9:35 pm: Motion by John Bento; 2nd by Cecil Leonard; Vote is unanimous.**

**Recorded and submitted by Deborah G Janick, Secretary**