

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
SELECT BOARD
BUDGET MEETING #7
Minutes of January 6, 2015**

- I. **ROLL CALL.** Select Board Chair John Quinn III, Select Board members Kevin T. Beal, Brad Denny, Dennis Donahue, Lynn Doney, and Matthew Gadbois, Kenneth W. Goslant, K. David Maxwell (absent), and James R. Wilson. Also present were Town Manager Jeffrey Schulz, Financial Director Laurie Baroffio, Police Chief James Dziobek, Kathleen Lott.

Chair Quinn called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

- II. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

III. **BUDGET WORK SESSION**

The Select Board continued the discussion and review of the draft budget. Jeff Schulz presented recommended reductions to the previously submitted budget. Jeff stated that he has identify an additional \$75,800 in reductions in the proposed operation and maintenance budget (O&M), and that these changes result in an approximately \$91,400 (3.0%) reduction in the FY 15/16 O&M Budget. The two most significant reductions are the elimination of the wages and benefits for the highway supervisor and the police detective.

Jeff also recommended further reducing the debt payment so that the increase from FY 15/14 to FY15/16 is \$6,570, noting that the reduction can be achieved by changes in the debt schedule, and the use of reserves. Next, Jeff recommended reducing the Capital Equipment Plan (CEP) by approximately \$48,000 to \$234,600. The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) in the budget book provided for a \$171,990 in spending. Jeff recommended reducing this amount by \$10,500. These recommendations will reduce total spending for FY 15/16 by approximately \$36,000.

The Select Board was in general agreement with the recommended changes, and directed the Town Manager and the Finance Director to prepare revised budget sheets for the next meeting.

IV. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Motion by Kevin Beal, seconded by Ken Goslant, to adjourn. **Motion passed 8-0-0.** The Board adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Schulz, Clerk

These minutes are subject to approval at the next regular Select Board meeting.