

**Milford Budget Advisory Committee
Approved Minutes
December 5, 2012**

Present: Bert Becker, DeeDee Carter, Rose Evans, Matt Lydon, Jim Roccio,
Chris Pank, Jolie Whitten, Karen Mitchell

Absent: Peggy Seward

Guests: Mike Viola (Chief of Police), Chris Nervick (Captain), Stephen Toom
(Captain), Bill Parker (Community Development Director and Zoning
Administrator)

Business: Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by Matt Lydon

Chief Viola presented the summary of the 2013 proposed Police budget with an increase of 0.4%. Some of the slight increase is due in part to 3% merit increases (for Union as well as officer time and proficiency raises) and the request for an additional sworn police position. Some of the reasons given for this officer request are due to: population increase in the town, the last staff increase having been in 2001, taking an average of 45-50k calls (in which a high volume of these calls are felony related and this is very time consuming for investigators) and better shift coverage. Another reason for the additional officer request is based on the ratio of officers per 1000 people. Nationally it is 2.3%, NH is 2.0%, Hillsboro is 1.7% and Milford is 1.6%.

The Police Department is requesting two vehicles this budget year, replacing the current Crown Victoria cars (no longer made) with the Ford Interceptor. The only materials that could be re-used on the new cars are the light bars and the radios as the other equipment will not fit in the new Ford Interceptors. The two cars being replaced will be sold. The department did receive 12 new radios through a Homeland Grant.

Bill Parker presented the summary of the 2013 proposed Community Development budget with an increase of 2.8%. The 14.2% increase for the part time GIS position was due to the fact that it was initially budgeted for eight months and now has gone to a twelve month position. Much of the GIS engineering and support needed was from the Federal storm water requirement, which is currently about 99% finished.

Zoning wages come in large part from the time it takes to do the minutes as the meetings can go 4-5 hours. In 2000-2001 there were on average over 100 residential building permits per year. In 2012 these were down to 20-22 residential building permits per year. The town is anticipating more commercial building permits in 2013. One example of this is the large Airmar expansion. Brox Property development is currently at a stand still. The same developer is still interested in the site and they are hoping to have something started at the old police station within the next two years.

Warrant Articles – To finish sidewalk connection Phase 1&2 on Nashua St.
The estimated cost of this is \$286k. The plan is to utilize a seven year bond

and the monies are to be raised by taxes. Phase 3 is not in the proposed 2013 budget, but is located on Ponemah Hill Rd. and is estimated to cost \$159k. The article for the light by Georgio's is scheduled for 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.

Respectfully submitted by, Karen Mitchell, Secretary