

**Milford Budget Advisory Committee
Approved Minutes
November 20, 2013**

Present: Matt Lydon, Jim Roccio, Jolie Whitten, Peggy Seward,
Chris Pank, Karen Mitchell, Bert Becker, Steve Sareault

Absent: Rose Evans

Guests: Chief Viola, Capt. Toom, Capt. Nervick (Police), Rick Riendeau (DPW)
and Guy Scaife (Town Administrator)

Business: Meeting called to order at 6:31 PM by Matt Lydon

Police

Chief Viola presented the proposed 2014 budget for Milford Police Department with an increase of 4.2%. They are looking for a Resource officer for the schools. There used to be a R.O. in the schools, which was eliminated a few years ago due to budget cuts. There are currently 2600+ students in Milford. This officer would be a contact for the schools as well as helping to provide a safe environment and work with the schools regarding emergency planning. The schools are very supportive of having this officer in the schools and have agreed to fund 180 days of school time. They are in agreement that this officer should be kept as a priority in the schools budget. The focus will be mainly on the high school and middle school but there will still be regular visits to Heron Pond Elementary and Jacques Memorial to help build stronger relationships with the kids from a young age.

The Union has a 4 year contract agreed upon which includes a 2% floor on wage increases, time off management requests and increased detail rates. Police is asking for an SUV and a sedan. The SUV would be used for the K-9 unit as the current vehicle is small for the K-9 unit and has over 90k miles. The other new sedan would also replace one of the vehicles over 90k miles. Last year produced approximately 40K calls and YTD there have been 31,901 on target to have at least as many as last year.

DPW

Rick Riendeau presented the proposed 2014 budget for Milford Public Works Department with an increase of 11.7%. The plow truck rotation is currently at 15 years. He would prefer to work toward a 10 year rotation utilizing a trade in strategy which would cost less than bringing on a full time mechanic that we currently do not have in Milford. He currently spends 18-20k per year in maintenance costs (some outside work, but most is done in house). He is asking for a truck for 144k to replace the plow with 96k miles. He is also looking to replace the older 1995 truck that has been out of service for some time and to replace the 18 year old sidewalk plow. This plow just had its rusted out floor replace to get through the coming year. Some of the sidewalks

in Milford are only 4ft. wide, which prevents the use of other universal equipment.

Bridges - have applied for State aid with the 80/20 split for the Mason Rd. bridge, but the application is just "hanging out" there waiting for response.

Regarding bridge repair - once the stream culvert is over 10ft. wide, by current regulations, it has to become a bridge, which is 2.1 times the size of the culvert. Ex. Jennison Rd. bridge has to be a 27ft bridge.

The warrant article is currently asking for 250k cash of which to apply 90k to the Town's portion of the Jennison Rd. bridge fix and the remainder to begin the engineering studies.

The discussion centered around whether or not it made more sense to do the engineering studies on all bridges now and then put forth a plan for total funds needed to repair all necessary bridges and bond the issue. This is something to be decided on by the Board of Selectman.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50PM.

Respectfully submitted by, Karen Mitchell, Secretary