## **TOWN OF ESSEX**

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Edward Gardner **Supervisor** 

Patricia Gardner Town Clerk **TOWN COUNCIL:** 

Mark Wrisley Bryan Garvey Claire LaPine James LaForest

Budget Workshop October 22, 2015 6:30pm

Supervisor Gardner opened the meeting with the pledge.

Roll Call: Supervisor Gardner, Councilpersons; LaForest, LaPine and Wrisley. Councilperson Garvey was excused.

Town Clerk Gardner read the notice of the meeting.

Supervisor Gardner reported that all salaries were given a 1.5 percent raise. Health insurance went up 4 percent. Liability insurance went up 5 percent. The justice clerk asked to go from per hour to salary. After much discussion it was allowed.

The town board went over the budget line by line. Changes were made to the following.

- 1. Justice Clerk has changed her mind and will continue on with her hourly pay. Budget item remains the same.
- 2. Under General Fund, Town Clerk Contractual 14704.01 was raised by \$1000 to cover the cost of a new computer. We have been trying to contact the FBI on when the computer will be returned. The loaner from the county has been giving us problems.
- 3. Under General Fund, Revenues Unclassified Revenues 2770.01 was changed to \$8583. This is the amount owed to the GF from sewer.
- 4. Under Highway Fund, 51302.03, Equipment, was changed from \$40,000 to \$20,000. Tranfer to Reserve 99509.03 was increased from \$20,000 to \$40,000. This was to save for the new truck that is needed.
- 5. Under Anticipated Revenues for EMS remove the 2014 Adopted figure. Put in in error.

It was reminded that all wages were increased by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  percent. Under buildings, it included all utilities. A discussion over the park fee occurred. It was decided that the <u>board</u> will look into the park policy to clarify the issue of who to charge and who can use it for free.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Gardner