

Minutes of Council Budget Subcommittee Meeting

November 2, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM.

Members: Councilors Thomas Mercer, Deborah Pellegri, Matthew Kelly, Peter Padula

Also in attendance: Town Administrator Jeffrey Nutting, Deputy Administrator Jamie Hellen, Building Commissioner Gus Brown, Conservation Agent George Russell, Fire Chief Gary McCarraher, Police Chief Thomas Lynch

The Fire Chief reviewed the ambulance fee issue and stated he was not sure if the rate increase would effect the users. Approximately 65% of the runs are Medicaid so they are capped.

Private insurance may be different. The committee wanted to understand to the extent possible the impact on the users. The Town Administrator stated he would do more research.

The committee also wanted to understand the false alarm issue. The Chief explained they try not to fine folks unless there are repeat problems. The committee requested a report from the Chief on the matter.

The Police Chief reviewed the fees. He stated that gun permit fees are established by State Law.

The proposed fee for finger printing was discussed and the consensus was to recommend \$20 for Franklin Residents and \$50 for Non- Residents. They further suggested a fee of \$100 for solicitor permits for the applicant and \$20 per person if there is more than one.

Conservation agent explained the Conservation fee and recommended eliminating ones not needed, adding one and making other less complicated.

The Building Commissioner reviewed his plan to eliminate and simplify many fees. The committee approved the idea.

The committee also suggested increasing Kennel Fees to \$25 per night.

After reviewing all fees a motion by Peter Padula to recommend the changes except the ambulance fees until more information was for coming. Second by Deborah Pellegri **Vote 4-0**

The Town Administrator suggested a Join Budget Committee meeting in the next 30 days. The committee agreed.

Motion by Deborah Pellegri to adjourn Second by Peter Padula Vote 4-0

Respectfully

Submitted by: Town Administrator Jeffrey Nutting