

# **Minutes of Council Budget Subcommittee Meeting**

**October 13, 2016**

**The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM.**

**Members:** Councilors Thomas Mercer, Deborah Pellegrini, Matthew Kelly, Peter Padula

**Also in attendance:** Town Administrator Jeffrey Nutting, Deputy Administrator Jamie Hellen, Town Clerk Teresa Burr, DPW Director Brutus Cantoreggi, Deputy Fire Chief Paul Sharpe, Board of Health Director Davis McKearney, Planning Director Bryan Taberner

The Town Administrator explained that they were looking to over haul the Fee bylaw which had not had a comprehensive review for about 20 years. Jamie Hellen explained the format of the new bylaw, the hope to have online permitting to enhance customer service and that the bylaw would help make it easier.

Fire Department- the only large change was ambulance fees which were proposed to go up to the maximum allowed. He explained the Medicare, Medicaid or insurance companies pay for this service so it should not be a hardship on the citizens. The committee asks the staff to double check to make sure it would not affect how much copay or deductible someone would have to pay if the cost increases.

The next discussion was alarm fees and the committee wanted to know how many times Dean College had false alarms

Administration – the only change was to add a \$50 fee for Farm breweries. A question arose as to the fee for license modifications.

Animal Control – There were no proposed changes. The committee requested information about the potential to increase the daily boarding fee.

Assessors- No real changes and no issues rose.

Conservation Commission – Held to the next meeting

COA - No issues

Town Clerk – Discussion on dog licenses. The original proposal was to have all dog licenses at \$20 but the committee felt it should be \$30 for non neutered dogs and \$20 for neutered dogs. Other fees were adjusted in small amounts.

Board of Health- The plan is to eliminate old fees no longer needed and add a few new ones while adjust other current fees to be on par with other communities and the increase cost to provide the service.

Library- Small increase in late fines

Police - on hold until next meeting

**Meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm**

Respectfully

**Submitted by:** Town Administrator Jeffrey Nutting