



**BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 1, 2017**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Sawyer at 4:15 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Members present: Mike Lynch, Bill Sawyer, Jackie Bevins, Carole Aaron, and Alternate Mark MacLeod

Members absent: Everett Leach, Alternate Lindsey Perry

3. OLD BUSINESS

Approve minutes for January 25, 2017 BRC meeting: Aaron 1st; Lynch 2nd; approved 4-0.

Several citizens and budget requesters were present for some of the meeting to provide comments to our discussion.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Began review of the 2017-2018 Operating Budget requests for Heritage Museum, Parks and Recreation, Performing Arts, Visitor Services, Lifeguards, Utilities, Welfare, Insurance, Conservation Commission, Information Services, Clam Warden, Marginal Way, Piping Plover, Organizations, Debt Management, and Miscellaneous Articles. The discussion and review of these budget requests generated the following comments and questions:

Heritage Museum:

Question the inability to generate revenue to offset some of the expenses for the museum.

Parks and Recreation:

Discussion ranged from whether there was a need for a part-time Director to 20 hours per week being too much. There was some consensus that Parks and Recreation could be a good coordination point and budget holder for activities such as holiday decorating, etc.

Utilities:

Need to review actuals for year to date.

Information Services:

Discussed both cutting this budget and increasing the budget to improve services; will discuss with Select Board.

Marginal Way:

1. Question the need for 2 Budget submittals from one committee.
2. Would like better understanding of relationship between Town, Marginal Way Committee, and Marginal Way Preservation Fund.

Miscellaneous Articles:

1. Why the need for a \$10,000 increase for Contracts and Salary Adjustments?
2. Would like to know how much money is already in each of these reserve accounts.

5. FUTURE MEETINGS

Set times for next BRC meetings as follows:

Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 5:00 PM with Select Board

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 5:40 PM:

Lynch 1st, Aaron 2nd, vote 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Bill Sawyer