

**BUDGET WORK SESSION
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PRESENT: R. P. McDermott, Chairman; M. Kasprzak, Vice Chairwoman; C. P. Graham, Selectmen; L. A. Ruest, Town Administrator

DEFAULT BUDGET: L. Ruest presented the Board with an updated copy of the Default Budget amounts (Proposed 2014 Budget \$2,436,150; 2014 Default Budget \$2,429,062: a difference of \$7,088).

An updated draft copy of the warrant dated 12/5/13 was provided to the Board. The Board specifically reviewed Article 3 identifying the budget and default budgets amounts and voted 3 in support and none opposed. L. Ruest reported that this draft warrant has been forwarded to town counsel and the Department of Revenue Administration for review and input.

The Board asked L. Ruest to reformat the Increases/Decreases listing in order to allow for a larger font and ease of use.

A review of the Projected Tax Rate for 2014 report as well as the draft Deliberative Session flyer took place. Information is pending and these two reports will be finalized and provided to the Board once information is available from the Bookkeeper and the Budget Hearing is finalized.

The Special Articles listing showing information relating to the 2013 Appropriation and proposed 2014 warrant articles will be updated with information relating to offsetting funds for highway maintenance.

OTHER:

A Town & City Article “What Is New in Municipal Budgeting” was provided to Board members for review.

25 Coach Lane, Alteration of Town Right of Way by Property Owner: The Board asked that a letter be drafted to the property owner in this regard for signature of the Board of Selectmen.

Depot Road Dead/Dying Trees: R. P. McDermott reported that there are two or three trees on Depot Road that are dead or dying. He stated that there may be a need to determine if they are hazard trees for removal as Depot Road is a scenic road. Research will be done to determine if the trees are the responsibility of the Town or the property owner.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.