

WORK SESSION
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PRESENT: R. P. McDermott, Chairman; M. Kasprzak, Vice Chairwoman; L. M. Smith, Selectman; L. A. Ruest, Town Administrator; K. Croteau, Secretary

L. Ruest referred the Board to the Estimated and Actual Revenues Budget Worksheet. She explained the process used to determine the projected revenues and said she received advice from both the former Town Administrator and the DRA in this regard. After discussion, the Board agreed to increase the projected revenue amount for motor vehicle permits to \$550,000 as new car sales have increased resulting in greater revenues from vehicle registrations.

A discussion took place regarding the default budget and the items identified in the Library budget. It was noted that the Library budget had many changes this year where some items were reallocated to different sections of the budget.

L. M. Smith recommended the Parks and Recreation Budget, Line 390, be reduced to \$1,000 as available funds were identified in the Parks & Recreation Special Fund held by the Town Treasurer to cover the cost of the Concert Series for 2015. L. M. Smith said he was concerned about low attendance at the concerts. A discussion took place regarding the efforts being made to increase the attendance and participation in the Summer Concert Series. Some of the ideas identified were to gear some of the concerts towards children, a sponsorship or subscription program, tying the concerts in with car shows, and allowing other vendors, such as Farmer's Market vendors, to utilize some of the space in conjunction with the bands.

Discussion at this meeting resulted in a reduction of \$4,250 (summer band concert).

Other

R. P. McDermott noted issues with services performed by the Winter Road Maintenance Contractor during the snow storm on November 26th. He said the plow truck was travelling in the wrong lane and driving greater than 30 mph. L. Ruest noted reports received where sections of roads had not been plowed and shoveling had not been done timely at the Library. The Board asked that the Winter Road Maintenance Contractor be asked to attend the December 3rd Board of Selectmen meeting and Department Head meetings thereafter throughout the winter.

The Board agreed to hold the January 7th Budget Hearing at the Town Hall.

The work session adjourned at 11:00 a.m.