

**Board of Selectmen
April 12, 2016
MINUTES**

Present: First Selectman Dan Jerram, Selectman Laura Garay, Administrative Assistant Christine Hayward.

First Selectman Jerram called the meeting to order at 6:42 PM.

Set time, date, manner of Annual Budget Meeting:

First Selectman Jerram explained to Selectman Laura Garay, new to the Board of Selectmen this term, that the proposed budget automatically goes to referendum. This is a historical practice that has existed for many years (20+). However, the Board of Selectmen do call an Annual Budget Meeting where the budget can be discussed. Residents have an opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification regarding the proposed budget but cannot make any changes to the budget before it goes to Referendum. The Annual Budget Meeting adjourns to a referendum at a date and time that is determined by the Board of Selectmen, but follows Statutory timelines.

MOTION: by Garay to hold the Annual Budget Meeting on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Senior Center at Town Hall; seconded by Jerram.

Mr. Jerram repeated that this is historical practice.

Unanimous.

Present the Call of the Meeting and Per CT General Statutes 7-7, remove Item # 1 from the Call of the Meeting and take the budget to referendum; and set the time and date of the referendum:

Mr. Jerram explained that in order to take the budget to Referendum, the Selectmen follow State Statutes that gives them the authority to remove items on a call of a meeting and take such item directly to Referendum. The First Selectman stated again, that this is a practice that has been in existence long before his terms as First Selectman. Mr. Jerram also explained that the Referendum date is typically held on the day following the Annual District Meeting held by the Regional 7 Board of Education. Jerram read the Notice of the Annual Budget Meeting – Item # 1.

MOTION: by Garay to remove Item Number 1 from the Notice of the Annual Budget Meeting and take the 2016-2017 proposed budget to Referendum to be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM; seconded by Jerram.

Jerram noted that the practice of voting on the budget at a referendum allows for greater participation by town residents.

Unanimous.

MOTION: by Garay to adjourn at 6:50 PM; seconded by Jerram *Unanimous.*