





**ITEM 4: To Review and Make Recommendations on the Following Proposed 2014 Departmental Budgets: (Cont.)**

**A) Treasurer / Clerk**

**Dennis Pike moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$235,225 for the 2014 Treasurer/Clerk budget, which is a decrease from 2013 of \$8,266; Jessica Berry seconded.**

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED**

**B) Cemeteries**

**Dennis Pike moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$73,293 for the 2014 Cemeteries budget, which is a decrease from 2013 of \$5,036; Jessica Berry seconded.**

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED**

**C) General Assistance**

**Jessica Berry moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$23,000 for the 2014 General Assistance budget, which is a decrease from 2013 of \$2,000; Dennis Pike seconded.**

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED**

**R) T.A.N.**

**Jessica Berry moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$3,000 for the 2014 T.A.N. budget, which is a decrease from 2013 of \$300; Andrew Hufnagel seconded.**

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED**

Diana Young left the meeting at 6:50 P.M.

**D) Assessing**

**Jessica Berry moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$126,604 for the 2014 Assessing budget, which is a decrease from 2013 of \$3,204; Andrew Hufnagel seconded.**

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED**

Mark Caldwell left the meeting at 6:55 P.M.

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**E) Code Enforcement**

**Jessica Berry moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$152,530 for the 2014 Code Enforcement budget, which is a decrease from 2013 of \$1,841; Andrew Hufnagel seconded.**

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED**

**F) Police**

Joshua Bell generated a discussion regarding the potential savings in the Police budget by not filling the patrolman position that has been vacant since 2009. Chief Jack Peck participated in the discussion. Ryan Morgan expressed his concerns with Farmington sending an officer to MDEA. Andrew Hufnagel shared his experiences with the MDEA officers, as well as the labor and monetary misconceptions of that position, and the benefits to the Town. Chief Peck pointed out a recent article on The Daily Bulldog regarding the expanding drug problems in this area, and recommended that it be read.

**Jessica Berry moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$1,193,565 for the 2014 Police budget, which is an increase over 2013 of \$19,437; Andrew Hufnagel seconded.**

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 OPPOSED 2 MOTION CARRIED  
(Morgan/Bell)**

**G) Fire Rescue**

Joshua Bell proposed filling only one more per diem position, and opening the recruiting process to firefighters outside the Town of Farmington. He also proposed reducing the Postage line item to \$75, and reducing the Books / Periodicals line item to \$200. Chief Terry Bell reviewed the per diem hiring proposals, reiterating the on-going problem of unavailable manpower. Andrew Hufnagel generated a discussion regarding regionalization. Richard Davis stated that the Budget Committee never had the benefit of this type of detailed discussion, and they voted to recommend the amount presented to them at that time. It was his feeling, in light of the difference between the Selectmen and Budget Committee recommendations that there will most likely be, that the Budget Committee should have the opportunity to review the proposals again, which may change their recommendation. It was Mr. Davis' suggestion that the Selectmen and Budget Committee members have a joint meeting on Wednesday, February 5th, and advertise it as a Public Hearing in the hopes of getting more public input. He pointed out that the Warrant needs to be finalized for the Selectmen's final review at their February 11<sup>th</sup> meeting so that the Town Report can go to print as soon as possible thereafter. Budget Committee chairman Clyde Ross joined in the discussion.

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**G) (Cont.)**

**Dennis Pike moved to table discussion and recommendation of the Fire Rescue budget until February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. during a joint meeting with the Budget Committee; Joshua Bell seconded.**

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED**

All Fire Rescue Department personnel left at 7:28 P.M.

**H) Parks & Recreation**

**Jessica Berry moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$153,002 for the 2014 Parks & Recreation budget, which is a decrease from 2013 of \$12,063; Joshua Bell seconded.**

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED**

**I) Community Center**

**Jessica Berry moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$105,881 for the 2014 Community Center budget, which is a decrease from 2013 of \$4,751; Dennis Pike seconded.**

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED**

Steve Shible left the meeting at 7:30 P.M.

**J) Public Works**

**Jessica Berry moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$1,053,087 for the 2014 Public Works budget, which is an increase over 2013 of \$48,021; Dennis Pike seconded.**

Ryan Morgan stated that he would like an additional full time employee considered in next year's budget process, as well as an expansion of the pool of seasonal plow operators.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED**

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**K) LORAP**

**Joshua Bell moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$173,000 for the 2014 LORAP budget, which is the same as 2013; Jessica Berry seconded.**

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED**

**L) Five Year Road Program**

**Joshua Bell moved to reduce the proposed amount to \$75,000; no second. Motion failed.**

**Jessica Berry moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$133,000 for the 2014 Five Year Road Program budget, which is the same as 2013; Andrew Hufnagel seconded.**

Andrew Hufnagel thanked Mr. Bell for trying to keep the budget as low as possible, but did not feel that this Program should be modified. Ryan Morgan expressed his agreement with Mr. Bell, pointing out that he feels that this line item is one that could be reduced because it is not directly attached to a specific budget.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 OPPOSED 2 MOTION CARRIED  
(Morgan/Bell)**

**M) Public Works Reserve**

**Dennis Pike moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$5,000 for the 2014 Public Works Reserve budget, which is the same as 2013; Jessica Berry seconded.**

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED**

**N) Recycling**

**Jessica Berry moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$70,448, which is a decrease from 2013 of \$749; Andrew Hufnagel seconded.**

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED**

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**O) Administration**

**Jessica Berry moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$235,533 for the 2014 Administration budget, which is a decrease from 2013 of \$3,598; Andrew Hufnagel seconded.**

Richard Davis confirmed for Joshua Bell that the Downtown Association membership fee is not included in this budget.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED**

**P) Committees & Events**

**Jessica Berry moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$6,500 for the 2014 Committees & Events budget, which is a decrease from 2013 of \$300; Andrew Hufnagel seconded.**

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED**

**Q) Municipal Building**

**Jessica Berry moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$81,421 for the 2014 Municipal Building budget, which is a decrease from 2013 of \$4,054; Andrew Hufnagel seconded.**

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED**

**S) Other Protections**

**Joshua Bell moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$479,116 for the 2014 Other Protections budget, which is an increase over 2013 of \$31,667; Dennis Pike seconded.**

Andrew Hufnagel generated a discussion regarding the increase in the Fire Hydrants line item due to the Farmington Water Department's pending rate increase.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED**

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**T) Debt Service**

**Jessica Berry moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$158,413 for the 2014 Debt Service budget, which is a decrease from 2013 of \$4,040; Andrew Hufnagel seconded.**

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED**

**U) Legal Reserve**

**Jessica Berry moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$18,000 for the 2014 Legal Reserve budget, which is an increase over 2013 of \$3,000; Ryan Morgan seconded.**

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED**

**V) ADA Reserve**

**Jessica Berry moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$2,500 for the 2014 ADA Reserve budget, which is same as 2013; Andrew Hufnagel seconded.**

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED**

**W) Transportation Advisory Committee**

**Dennis Pike moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$-0- for the 2014 Transportation Advisory Committee; Jessica Berry seconded.**

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED**

**X) Contracts/Public Services**

Richard Davis recommended that the Selectmen vote on each entity individually.

**Dennis Pike moved to increase the proposed amount for the 2014 Farmington Public Library budget to \$143,771; Jessica Berry seconded.**

Richard Davis reviewed the report that the Library presented to the Budget Committee at its informational meeting. He also explained the Committee's recommendation by majority vote to increase the requested amount, which the Selectmen discussed.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 2 OPPOSED 3 MOTION FAILED  
(RM/AH/JoB)**



**ITEM 5: To Award the bid for Printing the 2013 Annual Report**

Richard Davis reviewed the bid tabulation of the three proposals received, and recommended that the bid be awarded to Skowhegan Press for the amount of \$1,969.00.

**Dennis Pike moved to award the bid for printing the 2013 Annual Report to Skowhegan Press for the amount of \$1,969.00; Jessica Berry seconded.**

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED**

**ITEM 6: To Discuss the Dissolution of the Sandy River Recycling Association**

Richard Davis reviewed the recently signed Recycling Service Agreement between the Town of Farmington and Alan Archibald of Archie's, Inc., which takes effect on January 31, 2014. He pointed out that the Town's recycling operation with Sandy River Recycling Association (SRRA) will cease on that date as well. Mr. Davis reported that SRRA voted on January 16, 2014 to dissolve the Association as of June 30, 2014, with the assets to be divided amongst those municipalities that were members at the time of the vote. Each municipality's share will be determined once appraisals are done and attempts are made to sell the assets. Mr. Davis reported that SRRA also voted at its January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting to pro-rate its first quarter invoice, based on the withdrawal date in writing of each municipality. He stated that he submitted a withdrawal letter on behalf of the Town of Farmington to SRRA to be effective January 31, 2014, thereby reducing the amount due from Farmington per the first quarter invoice by two months. He further stated that since this expenditure is not in the 2014 budget, he anticipates that it will be paid out of the Tipping Fees line item in the Recycling budget. Mr. Davis reported that SRRA also voted to retain the license for the compost site, as they feel it has potential commercial value to a landscaping type company. He indicated that Dr. Eastler's donation for the composting license fee will be refunded. In response to Joshua Bell's inquiry, Mr. Davis stated that the land was purchased from the Town, and the Town has first refusal to re-purchase it.

**ITEM 7: To Transfer \$9,297.12 from the Unassigned Fund Balance to cover an Overdraft in the Other Protections Account, pursuant to Article Twenty-Eighth of the March 18, 2013 Annual Town Meeting**

Richard Davis reviewed the Other Protections spreadsheet showing where the expenditures occurred in the Hydrants, Insurances and Traffic Light Maintenance line items.

**Jessica Berry moved to approve the transfer of \$9,297.12 from the Unassigned Fund Balance to cover an overdraft in the Other Protections account; Dennis Pike seconded.**

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED**



