

**MINUTES OF THE DUXBURY SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING HELD ON
January 20, 2016**

Approved

PRESENT: Maureen Harvey, Amy Scharf, Betty Gibbs, John Murphy, Todd liberty, Jen Dean, Jeff Larkin, Bonnie Morse, Gary Winnie.

Called to Order by Chair Amy Scharf at 6:01PM and selectboard members introduced.

Additions/Changes to the agenda

None.

Amy outlined the Board's vision of the Budget Committee's role in the budget building process as well as offering the Board's appreciation for the committee's efforts in helping it build a sound and defensible budget.

The former Town Treasurer's inability to produce accurate and timely financial information was evident in the historic budget information presented. The Board's efforts, and the options explored and used to address this ongoing deficiency, was discussed at length with the Budget Committee.

A line by line review of the FY2017 budget draft resulted in many questions, most of which were responded to, some however, could not be answered and those were noted by the Chair and responses will be forthcoming.

Todd Liberty paid special attention to the Highway Department budget and had many questions regarding individual Highway Department line items.

Todd Liberty also questioned the Selectboard's decision to buy gravel from the pit located in Bolton. Todd has felt for sometime that gravel from a pit in Hinesburg is far superior to the gravel from Bolton. Todd feels that the gravel from the pit located in Bolton has too much clay mixed in.

Hauling gravel from Hinesburg has been explored in the past. The Board's belief is that it has been found to be the more expensive option. The Board is also not in total agreement that the Bolton gravel is of unacceptable quality. Regardless, the Board will revisit the option of having its gravel needs for FY 2017 supplied from the Hinesburg pit.

The roles of the Treasurer and Town Clerk positions were discussed at length. It was felt that the financial compensation for the two positions should reflect the hours of work that each position requires.

John made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 PM, Betty seconded and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

John B. Murphy, Selectperson