

**Wilmington Selectboard/Sewer Commission**  
**January 3, 2012 at 4:00 pm**  
**Special meeting at Town Office**  
**MINUTES**

**Selectboard Members Present:** Thomas Consolino, Margaret Streeter, Susan Haughwout, James Burke, and Diane Chapman

**Others Present:** Mary Towne, Joe Szarejko, Bill Hunt, Jake White

Meeting called to order at 4:05 pm.

**1. Budget Review:**

a. **Police Department:** Chief Joe Szarejko went over the proposed budget for his department and answered questions. Like all departments, he has been cutting for several years. This year he has pretty much level funded but reduced some items like uniforms, due to replacements from Irene. The big item is a replacement cruiser, which is not in the budget per the town manager's instructions. He has been trading the cruisers after 4 years, but will have to hold off another year. Szarejko said he is not happy with this and feels it will cost more money in the long run.

There was a brief discussion about the current location. It is working ok, except they have to use Dover Police Department to process arrests. Szarejko prefers that the Police and Fire Department relocate to a separate building, such as the old town garage site. It was difficult during the emergency when both the fire and police departments were knocked out with the flooding. They did a great job working from their cruisers. The Board thanked him for coming in.

b. **Highway Department:** Road Supervisor Bill Hunt presented the budget for his department and answered questions. Like all departments, he has been cutting for several years. He mentioned several items he had cut and said this is a minimum budget with no projects included other than maintenance. There are deep cuts but they will need to be put back next year. Future projects he would like to do are paving South Main Street and Castle Hill and replacing the sidewalks by Maple Leaf. He would like to have the road equipment account funded.

The Board told him they were grateful for the amazing job the department has done, getting the roads in shape and thanked him for coming in.

c. **Town Clerk Office:** Town Clerk Susan Haughwout went over the proposed budget for her office and answered questions. Haughwout said most of her budget is salary and benefits, so there is not a lot else to work with, but she had cut where possible. It is a double election year, so that needed to be included. The Board thanked her.

Haughwout moved and Chapman seconded to adjourn. All in favor and meeting adjourned at 5:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Towne, Administrative Assistant

**Approved by Wilmington Selectboard:**

Thomas P. Consolino, Chair      Margaret L. Streeter, Vice Chair      Diane Chapman, Clerk

Susan Joy Haughwout      James R. Burke