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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN BUDGET WORKSHOP MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2010 WILTON TOWN HALL, ROOM B

**PRESENT:** First Selectman William Brennan, Second Selectman Susan Bruschi, Selectman Richard Creeth, Selectman Harold Clark ABSENT: Selectman Ted Hoffstatter

GUESTS: CFO Sandy Dennies, Controller Richard McArdle, WVAC President Ron Hitter

First Selectman Brennan called the budget workshop meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

## **Operating Capital**

Deputy Fire Chief Mark Amatrudo has advised that the compressor can be rebuilt, saving \$35,000 from the cost of replacement. After additional analysis, a staff vehicle can be obtained for \$35,000, saving \$9,000 from the earlier request.

## **Operating Budget**

EMS – Mr. Hitter distributed a list of expenses that could be reimbursed through insurance billing, including fuel, oxygen, bandages, EMS charts, CMED obligations. Items such as facilities or infrastructure would not apply, only items that are patient related. In addition, he recommends that the \$50,000 paramedic cost be removed from the budget, totaling a decrease of approximately \$100,000.

Mr. Hitter was thanked for identifying these costs and bringing them to the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Brennan noted that there has been tremendous cooperation from all town departments during this very difficult budget process.

## Summary

Mr. Brennan advised that the original requests from all departments amounted to a 7.7% increase, year over year, and after several workshop sessions, has now been reduced to a 2.7% increase.

At the March 1, 2010 regular BOS meeting, a vote will be taken on a final FY '11 Budget to be presented to the Board of Finance.

Ms. Dennies and Mr. McArdle were thanked for the work they put in to keeping the Selectmen updated on constantly changing numbers during this process.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Jan Andras, Recording Secretary (Minutes taken from video recording)