

**MINUTES: SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Thursday, February 11, 2016 @6:00 p.m. Town Office Building**

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by First Selectwoman Catherine Iino. Selectman Fred Dudek was in attendance; Selectman Lou Annino, Jr. and Finance Director Regolo were absent.

Visitors: HKYFS: Executive Director Deborah Kelly, HKYFS Board members: Mark Torello, Chair Joan Reed Wilson, Kelly Leach  
KVFC: Chief Bauer, Deputy Chief Adametz,  
Fire Commissioners Hajek, Darin and Mahoney

Other visitors: Natalie Wilson, Robert Sassi, Marcella Sassi, John Samperi

2. Discussion of 16/17 budget

A. HKYFS directors presented a budget request of \$75,000, level with last year's request. Fundraising challenges and efforts to increase efficiency were discussed. For 2016/17 there will be an emphasis on mental health awareness and promotion of counseling services. More community events to boost awareness are planned. The anti-substance abuse program was briefly discussed. The Board of Selectmen thanked the HKYFS for all their hard work. The directors left the meeting 6:29.

B. Chief Bauer presented KVFC's capital request, including the following 3 items:

- Replacing existing self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). Existing units are 12 years old and are failing at an increasing rate. Projected costs are to be allocated over three years. For 16/17 projected cost is \$125,000.
- Replacement of Engine 5 attack engine was discussed. KVFC hopes to put out to bid upon budget approval and purchase right after July 1. BOS asked for actual (not estimated costs) before approving purchase. Lease/purchase option to spread out costs was discussed in light of current low interest rates.
- Chief Bauer requested \$55,000 for a sport/utility vehicle equipped with warning lights, radios and other fixtures to be assigned to Fire Chief for emergency responses, training and meetings, and to be used by deputies during Fire Chief's absence from town.

Chief Bauer then reviewed operating budget request sheet item by item totaling \$125,750. After brief discussion, KVFC thanked the Board for its support. The BOS, in turn, thanked the Chiefs and the Commissioners for their service to the town. [KVFC left at 7:00]

3. Continued General Review of 16/17 requests

Iino and Dudek reviewed the list of capital and operating budget requests, noting that the former will be more challenging to fund than the latter. Grand list and personal property revenues are projected to be flat. Dudek emphasized the importance of refusing capital funding for purchases not in the 15-year plan. Results of road survey will help prioritize capital projects. BOS would like to review actual KVFC expenditures before approving capital requests.

**Dudek moved to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Doyle Disbrow on February 18, 2016