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Present: Amie Stevens, Harold Simmons, Ron Mikol, Christine Muir, Pam Crocker  
Absent: Dana Metzler  
Also attending: Town Administrator Tracey Hutton

Meeting opened at 7 p.m.

#### FY17 Budget Review

We updated the overview sheet, using Lorraine's numbers, rather than calculating from scratch. Revenue for FY17 increased by just \$25,000. The FY16 subtotal translates directly to the Current Year base, as long as the subtotal is based on actual numbers, not projections. We also updated the GDRSD assessment to \$5,712,832. Jared confirmed that this number includes funding for the Needs Assessment. When we make these changes, the budget moves out of balance by about \$500,000, as most of us had expected it to. (This number does include an amount of \$38,500 for the Veterans' Benefits account.)

Since State Aid and Cherry Sheet refer to the same thing, we combined the Assessment and Offset into one field, called State Aid (net).

We reviewed the proposed articles and related funding requests. We added a Recommended column and only funded the Inspector's Salaries and Main Street articles. Tracey noted that adopting a Complete Streets Policy lets us apply for a grant to cover the safe pathways, and said that there is \$20,000 in the Highway account earmarked for Stormwater work.

Tracey corrected the math calculations in the Highway department line item budget, and said she will look into options related to trash disposal and recycling. She stated that the town is going to work with a larger legal firm for regular types of work, and use current Town Counsel for special projects. She believes we will see increased efficiency with a larger firm that focuses on municipal issues.

#### Regional Agreement

Christine updated the board on her participation in the Regional Agreement Amendment Committee. She explained the Standard and Alternative Assessments and asked for board members' thoughts on each. Ron suggested looking at the town of Plympton and their regional agreement.

We adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

*Amie Stevens* *RMikol*  
*Christine Muir* *Harold K. Simmons*  
*Tracey Hutton*