

of the line items included as follows:

- a long discussion on the Election line and what is involved for the Supervisors this year as 2010 was a census year;
- questions on the Planning/Zoning line noting it was well under budget last year, but not significantly reduced this year. The Board explained that last year there were few application, noting it was difficult to know what to expect for applications, etc.; and
- questions on what the insurance line included and the amount of the employee health insurance contribution. Chairman Klumb noted that the percentage had not changed, noting that those employees previously affected by the change were compensated in their salaries the first year.

Article 13 regarding the Police Department. There were questions on how this years' budget compared to a few years ago. Chairman Klumb indicated that it was about \$10,000 less. The amounts raised in 2008 to 2010 were given. There were questions on the salary increases. It was noted that the officers were given a 2% increase and the Chief, if passed, would go from 28 hours currently to 34 hours.

Article 14 regarding Fire Department and Emergency Services. A question on the increase in ambulance was explained that this is a fixed cost provided by Hopkinton.

Article 15 regarding Building Inspections/Septic Reviews and Other Public Safety. There were general questions on the septic fees and how that was a wash item.

Article 16 regarding Highways, Streets and Sanitation. There were questions on what the landfill expenses were last year and this year. This year's budget is the same as last year, but includes the paving project and the "well" bond payment. There were general questions on the petition articles in Hopkinton relative to the pay-as-you-throw program. It was asked if Webster could be made to adopt the pay-as-you-throw program with the Board assuring folks that it would not happen. There was a question on the expected mandate to change all the street signs. The Board noted that it is expected that this mandate will not be pursued.

Article 17 regarding appropriations for a number of Health Agencies; the Library; Conservation Commission; Parks & Recreation and Patriotic Purposes. The only comment was on "Old Home Day" with the Board advising that a volunteer to organize the day has come forward.

Article 18 for the Long-Term Deb and TAN. It was asked as to when the bond would be paid and it will be paid in 2022.

BOS Initials:

D. E. Klumb

G. K. Hashem

G. C. Cummings

Mr. Janeway noted that the total proposed 2011 Budget is essentially unchanged.

Chairman Klumb advised that the Board did have a Warrant Article to fix the roof on the Town Hall, but DRA recommended that they remove the Article as the Board is the agent to expend from that Capital Reserve and should therefore handle the expense that way. There was a general discussion on the type of roofing, etc.

There was a discussion on the estimated revenues and what impact a decrease in revenues would have on the tax rate. Financial Administrator Wendy Pinkham had made up a projection chart based on revenue and the use of surplus to off-set the taxes read by Chairman Klumb.

Dee Blake advised that the School's proposed budget is under ½% increase. She advised that the Annual School Meeting is set for 7:00 pm on March 3, 2011 at the High School.

7: 56 P.M. Selectman Hashem made a motion to adjourn the hearing; seconded by Selectman Cummings and approved.

Chairman Klumb then invited those candidates present to speak. Candidate for Selectman Bruce Johnson introduced himself, spoke of his contributions to the Town and listed his goals should he be elected.

Incumbent Chairman Klumb introduced himself, noting some of his leadership experience and his accomplishments, saying he would like to continue as Selectman.

No other candidates spoke at this time.

David E. Klumb, Chairman
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George K. Hashem

George C. Cummings