

TOWN OF STERLING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JOINT MEETING WITH FINANCE COMMITTEE

November 22, 2016

The selectmen's meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. Roll call: Selectwoman Cranson present, Selectman Lane present, Chairman Kilcoyne present.

Also present were Joseph Sova, Mary Cliett, Cynthia Secord, Barbara Bartlett, and Gerry Kokernak, all members of the Finance Committee.

The recommended FY18 cost of living increase for non-union employees was discussed. Consistency with other employee groups in town was stressed.

M. Cranson moved that the Board of Selectmen recommend a 2% across the board cost of living increase, R. Lane seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

The Finance Committee also voted to recommend the 2% increase.

M. Cranson moved that the Board of Selectmen recommend a level services budget for all departments, R. Lane seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

The discussion turned to OPEB funding strategy. The two groups decided to form a subcommittee to work on it.

M. Cranson moved that John Kilcoyne serve on the OPEB subcommittee, R. Lane seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

The Finance Committee voted to have Joseph Sova and Gerry Kokernak serve on the subcommittee.

The selectmen alerted the Finance Committee to the issues with the town's IT. The selectmen are working with the IT Committee on a long range strategy, and plan to have numbers ready for an article on the town meeting warrant, and possibly a reserve fund transfer request.

The Board of Selectmen adjourned at 7:45 p.m. R. Lane moved to adjourn, M. Cranson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Cervantes