

November 10, 2016

Minutes from the Preliminary Budget Hearing held Thursday, November 10, 2016, at 6:00 PM, at the Keene Town Hall. The following Town Board Members were present: Paul R. Martin, Robert M. Biesemeyer, Michael J. Buysse and Jerry D. Smith, Members of Council. Absent: William B. Ferebee, Supervisor. Also present were: 3 residents, Susan Whitney, Clerk to the Supervisor and Ellen Estes, Town Clerk.

Mr. Martin, the Acting Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and explained that tonight's meeting was to review the Preliminary Budget for 2017 with the public.

He began by explaining that the first page of this Budget is the Tax Cap Summary Table. He said he would come back to this.

Mr. Martin started with the General Fund portion of the budget by comparing the highlighted section totals for 2017 to the totals from 2016. At the end of the General Fund portion, Mr. Martin stated that this part of the budget is down about \$32,000 from last year's budget.

Mr. Martin went on to review the totals in the Highway Budget, the Library Budget, Water District No. 1 Budget and Water District #2 Budget.

Mr. Martin compared the Budgets for the Keene and Keene Valley Fire Districts.

Mr. Martin then returned to the Tax Cap Summary Table where calculations were quickly figured out by those present to see how far below the tax cap this draft of the 2017 Preliminary Budget is. The total received at was that this budget is \$40,000 below the tax cap.

Ellen Estes asked the Town Board for a resolution filing this new draft of the 2017 Preliminary Budget, to replace the previous draft filed by the Town Board on October 11th.

Resolution No. 216 – 16

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the 2017 Preliminary Budget reviewed here tonight replace the previous draft filed with the Town Clerk on October 11th, 2016. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ferebee:	Absent
Mr. Martin:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Yes
Mr. Buysse:	Yes
Mr. Smith:	Yes

This Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Ellen S. Estes, Town Clerk
November 14, 2016

William B. Ferebee, Supervisor
Paul R. Martin, Councilperson
Robert M. Biesemeyer, Councilperson
Michael J. Buysse, Councilperson
Jerry D. Smith, Councilperson