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**February 10, 2010**  
**Final Public Budget Hearing**

Present: Mark Richardson, Chairman, A. Richards, & A. A. Milkovits

F.A.C.: Not Present

No public was present.

Also present: Moderator Catherine Schwenk

Meeting opened at 7:46 PM.

Selectmen and Moderator reviewed the 2010 proposed budget. Moderator Schwenk asked if her requested stipend increase was approved. Chairman Richardson explained, due to the economic times, the Board was only recommending increases for the full time employees, not the part-time employees or for stipends. The Moderator Stipend will remain at \$105 per meeting.

The Selectmen increased the tech support line by \$1,000; total line \$2,300. The tech support covers all department computer issue.

Note will be made in the town report that this year is the final payment for the fire tanker.

The final operating budget for 2010 is \$1,554,423, a one percent increase over 2009. The operating budget and capital expenses are \$1,775,098; an increase of 10% over 2009. Capital expenses include the full costs of the backhoe and cruiser not just the annual payment.

After more discussion, the motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to accept the 2010 proposed budget.

Selectmen set the meeting places for Town Elections: Town Hall and the Town Meeting: Mason Elementary School Great Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM.

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