

I thought you might want an update on what is happening in town. The Selectmen are meeting tonight and as far as I know the only subject on tonight's agenda is the budget. At the last meeting the town manager informed us that even though we had in the budget process, increased fuel and salt cost we need to go even higher. Thus the following new budget estimates and recommendations for reductions:

	<b>Amount removed by</b>		
	<b>vote</b>	<b>\$385,726</b>	
	<b>Add increase for gas</b>		
	<b>and diesel</b>	<b>\$37,960</b>	
	<b>Add increase for Road</b>		
	<b>Salt</b>	<b>\$53,000</b>	
	<b>Total Operating</b>		
	<b>Budget Cuts Required</b>	<b>\$476,686</b>	
	<b>Savings under</b>		
	<b>consideration</b>		
Dept.			
Highway	Close Transfer Station	\$95,985	Alternative - use Concord open five days/week
Highway	Asphalt (Road Paving)	\$76,200	Voters approved over \$300,000 in a separate warrant article
Recreation	Close Celebrating Children	\$75,090	Moving Celebrating Children Day Care Center (one of the town's two operated preschool programs) to a private not-for-profit. <b>This program may make a profit this year in which case we will not decrease taxes.</b>
Highway	Remove Deputy Director 1 Nov 08 - 30 Jun 09	\$56,062	Retirement of the Director and no replacement of a Deputy
Highway	All Street Lights	\$48,000	<b>Turning off all lights is not a good idea. This year it cost us more to turn off the lights then kit would have to leave them on.</b>
Police	Drug Task Force Part Time Support from 1 Oct 08	\$30,824	Bow residents pay for a full-time undercover police officer to work under cover in Manchester. This will allow us to terminate three part-time

Highway	Street Sweeping	\$28,000	Spring sand removal from roads
Highway	Overtime	\$25,000	Dept. of public works
Police	Police cruiser	\$24,677	We will still buy a new large four wheel drive SUV for the PD
All	Eliminate Cash Incentive Health Buyout for Part Time	\$22,209	town pays cash to part time employees (20 hr/week) if they do not need health insurance
Highway	Eliminate Seasonal Cemetery Worker	\$20,980	
Library	Library 4.63% X \$448,521	\$20,767	Library had by far the largest % increase in this year's budget
Police	Salary Difference New Police Chief	\$12,965	
Recreation	Eliminate P&R Summer Grounds Aide	\$8,670	Parks & Receptions summer help
Fire	Deluge gun - Ground Monitor	\$4,500	
Town Clerk	Records Preservation	\$3,000	
Recreation	Fertilize 5 Recreation Fields 3 times yearly	\$2,975	
Police	Police Training (\$8,000 remains)	\$2,000	
Exec	Employee tuition	\$600	

reimbursements

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$558,504</b>
Additional suggestions Eliminate 1 Full Time position from the PD (estimated svgs)	<b>\$75,000</b>

A few years ago we had 1 officer on to patrol Bow. Now we have 3 at times.  
Schedule no more than 2 officers at a time and have them both to road patrol.

Any questions suggestions - please email or call.  
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