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Municipal Budget Committee

Public Hearing Minutes

February 13, 2007, 6:30 P.M.

Corner Meeting House

Chairman Ron Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Also present were committee members Ken Ellis, Albert Akerstrom, Linda Frawley, Mark Roberts, David Morse, Cherie Willoughby and Selectmen's Representative Ronald Cormier. Others in attendance were Town Administrator K. Jeanne Beaudin, Receptionist Sharill Conley, Town Planner Candace Daigle, Police Chief Vincent Baiocchetti, Public Works Director Bob Bennett, Parks and Recreation Director Janet Breton, General Assistance Director Donna Cilley, and Daily Sun Reporter Ray Carbone.

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