

Budget Committee

Public Meeting

February 3, 2005

Chairman Carrier convened a business meeting of the Budget Committee in the Ilene P. Reed Training Room at the Department of Public Works located at 74 Lockehaven Road on Thursday, February 3, 2005 at 6:06 PM.

Present:

Lee Carrier - Chairman, Gayle Hulva - Vice Chairman, Eric Crate, David Stewart, Shirley Green, Dominic Albanese - Selectman, Chris Christopoulos, Lori Hill, Richard Martin, April Whittaker – Town Manager, Wendy Huntley – Recorder

Excused: Michael Dudley

Guests: Nancy Scovner, Keith Oppenneer

- **Administrative**

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 4th meeting was made by Dominic Albanese and second by Lori Hill. All in favor.

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 29th meeting was made by Dominic Albanese and second by Eric Crate. Eight members in favor. Lori Bliss Hill abstain.

Fire Dept (-4220)

Line –740 (New Equipment) Total line amount of \$5940.00. All in favor.

Capital Reserve Funds (-4915)

Line –748 (Public Works Vehicle/Equipment) Increase reserves to \$70,000.00 from \$50,000.00. All in favor.

Line –630 (Repairs & Service Contracts) Reduced to \$2,200.00 from \$2,500.00. All in favor.

April Whittaker reviewed the Board of Selectmen meeting held February 1st.

Topics discussed were:

Cemeteries (-4195)

Line –730 (Special Projects) Reduce to \$1,500.00 from \$3,000.00.

Line –740 (New/Replacement Equipment) Increase to \$6,000.00 from 0.00 for new mower to be shared with highways & streets (4312).

Total proposed cemeteries budget for 2005 is \$9,220.00.

Police Dept (-4210)

Line -740 (New Equipment) Increase to \$27,500.00 from \$2,000.00 to reflect purchase of new cruiser to be rolled into operating budget. Move from separate warrant article.

Total proposed Police Dept. budget for 2005 is \$568,204.00.

Highways & Streets (-4312)

Line -740 (New & Replacement Equipment) Increase to \$7,000.00 from \$1,000.00 to include new mower to be shared with cemeteries (4195).

Total proposed Highways & Streets budget for 2005 is \$383,950.00.

Total proposed General Government Operating Budget for 2005 is \$3,529,207.00.

Capital Reserves (-4915)

Line -748 (Public Works Vehicle/Equipment) Reduce to \$50,000.00 from \$70,000.00.

Total proposed Capital Reserve and Trust Funds Budget for 2005 is \$148,900.00.

Total proposed Total Budget for 2005 is \$4,342,165.00. by the Board of Selectmen.

Question addressed to members of Budget Committee by Lee Carrier:

Are you for or against reducing the Capital Reserve Budget from \$70,000.00 to \$50,000.00?

All in favor.

Votes were taken on the following lines:

Capital Outlay (-4909)

Line - 313 (Tax Mapping) Recommendation of \$48,000.00. All in favor.

Capital Outlay (-4902)

Line -751 (GPS Unit) Recommendation of \$20,000.00. All in favor.

Question regarding \$12,000.00 mower. Cost to be split between Cemeteries (4915) and Highways and Streets (4312). Are you for or against this action? All in favor.

- **Action Items**
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- **Next Meeting: Public Hearing, Monday – February 7, 2005 6:00PM**
- **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn came forward at 6:55 PM from Chris Christopoulos with a second from Lori Bliss Hill. Motion carried.