

Budget Committee

Public Meeting

October 27th, 2005

Chairman Carrier convened a business meeting of the Budget Committee in the Ilene P. Reed Training Room at the Department of PublicWorks located at 74 Lockhaven Road on Thursday October 27th, 2005 at 6:04 PM.

Present:

Lee Carrier - Chairman, Gayle Hulva - Vice Chair, Eric Crate, David Stewart, Shirley Green, Dominic Albanese - Selectman, Lori Bliss-Hill, Richard Martin, Judy Finsterbusch, Wendy Huntley – Recorder

Excused: Chris Christopoulos

Guests: Marcia Cornell and Dave Carr, Rec. Commission, Jim Taylor, Planning Administrator

- **Administrative**

Parks and Recreation 01-4520-

Discussion was held with Marcia Cornell and Dave Carr regarding a potential raft at Shakoma Beach. Other upgrades to the beach area to wait until bridge construction is complete. The raft is needed for diving off to attain higher cert levels for lifeguards. Gail Taylor, Swim Instructor recommended that the beach obtain a raft. Dave Carr informed the committee that Tate Picard and the boy scouts/eagle scouts would perhaps like to construct the raft(s) as a project. Still would like to discuss the raft specs with Gayle Taylor, Swim Instructor. The floats are the expensive part of a raft. Each float costs about \$116.00. Usually the Scouts/Eagles ask that the materials be donated for their projects.

Dominic Albanese recommended that the Recreation Commission contact the Lions Club for possible donations towards the floats.

Shirley Green suggested that perhaps plastic barrels could be used for the floats. Each barrel costs about \$12.00.

Dominic Albanese recommended that the Budget Committee revisit the issue of the raft(s) in January. Dominic Albanese will also have Alisa Bonnette check with the insurance company regarding liability issues of having a raft at the beach.

Maintenance of Shakoma Beach, Huse Park and Shaker Park are under the directive of Ken Daniels, DPW director. The Recreation Commission oversee programs and activities held in these areas.

Discussion of Recreation Personnel and structure of tabulating hours for budgeting purposes. Lee Carrier recommended that Marcia Cornell meet with Alisa Bonnette, executive secretary, to discuss how pay is estimated for the budget.

Marcia Cornell to come back on November 11th when Ken Daniels is scheduled to meet with the budget Committee and discuss the maintenance of Shakoma Beach, Huse Park and Shaker Park.

Marcia Cornell explained the request of tables in line # 01-4520-740. Two tables are being requested. Each table costs \$895.00 plus \$500.00 for shipping and handling charges for both. These tables are 12' cafeteria-style tables that can seat 7 children on each side. These tables then can be folded and rolled away for storage.

Eric Crate questioned whether or not the Community Building could be used for the summer program?

Lee Carrier asked Marcia Cornell and Dave Carr what their thoughts were on moving the Shakoma Beach to the old Motel site.

Marcia commented that from what she's heard, that location is pretty mucky and is concerned about parking. Likes the lay of the land if muckiness isn't an issue. Would like to get Gail Taylor's opinion as well.

Dave Carr suggested that soil tests should be done at the old motel site.

Planning/Zoning 01-4191 & 4192

Jim Taylor reviewed his memo regarding Planning, Zoning and Community Development.

Under Economic Development, Jim explained that there were more inquires and business projects than before. There is a higher level of interest due to the TIF District. The Town is stymied by having only small lots available. Discussion was held of new businesses in Town and potential new businesses in Town.

Dominic Albanese informed the budget Committee that the Board of Selectmen are okay with the ambulance budget other than the salaries line.

Conservation Commission 01-4611-

1. Dominic Albanese informed the Budget Committee that the Board of Selectmen agree with everything requested in the Conservation Budget except for funding \$1,500. in the Conservation Fund (line 01-4611-890). Dominic Albanese reminded the Budget Committee that they have the prerogative to put the \$1500 back into the Conservation Fund.

Human Services 01-4411, 4441 & 4442

No questions regarding these lines.

Lee Carrier plans to tackle one big item in the budget each week.

Handout #1 titled "Personnel Administration #4155"

Dominic Albanese informed the Budget Committee members of the following changes to the requested 2006 budget:

- 01-4155-215 from 14,105. to 17,268.

Lee Carrier suggested #1 any new personnel need to be justified.

#2 need to wait till late December~early January to see what we can do with 01-4155-.

#3 maybe budget for 53 weeks of salaries but 52 weeks for the benefits.

Dominic Albanese suggested that in an effort to align the budget up closer with actual, one way might be to take the average amount of the last 5 years surplus, divide that in half and use that amount to reduce the budgeted amount in 01-4155.

Lee Carrier would like a meeting on Taxes and Revenues.

Dominic Albanese would like the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager to get together with the Planning Board for long term vision.

Handout #2 titled "*Fy 2006 Budget Exceptions*"

Each budget committee member to record any lines for which they might like to revisit at a later date, make changes to or has comments on.

Action Items

- **Next Meeting: Thursday – November 3rd, 2005 6:00 PM at the DPW facility,
74 Lockehaven Road**
- **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn came forward at 8:35 PM from Lori Bliss-Hill with a second from Richard Martin. Motion carried.