

Farmington Budget Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2003

Attendance: Chairman Walter Mills, Gail Ellis, Arthur Capello, Tom Huse, Sylvia Howard, Kristine Bolstridge, Bernie Nason, Ruth Scruton, Todd Lefebvre and Selectmen's Rep Gerry McCarthy.
Fire/Ambulance: Ky Goslin, Don Vachon

The meeting convened and was called to order at 7:03 pm by Chairman Mills.

Bernie made a motion to table the fire departments budget until it has been properly reviewed and approved by the Selectman according to RSA 3217. Arthur seconded the motion. Vote resulted Bernie, Arthur and Todd for the motion with Tom and Sylvia against. Gail and Kristine abstained. Motion passed to table the fire departments budget. Gerry stated that while he had no problem reviewing the fire departments budget that technically it is supposed to be approved by the Selectman first before coming to the budget committee. Sylvia made a motion to reconsider the previous motion of tabling the fire departments budget. Tom seconded the motion. Vote resulted Tom, Sylvia and Gerry in favor with Todd, Arthur and Bernie opposed. Walter voted against the motion. Motion denied.

Pg 18, Capitol Outlay (4902)

Line 182, Landfill Closure Activities discussed. Ernie explained that the line has been changed to \$225,000 from 1.1 million due to Town Warrant Article 11. Brief discussion regarding Line 181, Engineering/Design. Ernie explained how the proposed \$77,500 is for the building of the Highway garage addition as well as repair of the Tibbetts Hill Road. Eighty percent of the proposed \$70,000 for the repair will be refunded to the town by the state of New Hampshire. The town is only paying for twenty percent of the actual cost. Discussion on warrant articles ensued and Ernie explained that the proposed warrant articles had not been reviewed or approved by the Selectman yet.

Pg 16, Reserves (4915)

Line 198, Fire Truck/Equipment discussed. Ernie explained that \$11,000 of the proposed \$99,125 is going towards the purchase of another forestry truck. Kristine asked if the forestry truck could be postponed for a year until possible grants and state assistance have been reviewed. Ernie stated that the truck could be postponed without any real problem. *Kristine made a motion to remove \$11,000 from Line 198. Tom seconded the motion. Sylvia stated that the capitol reserve is there for purchases that need to be made by the town eventually. She further stated that instead of coming up with the entire cost ten years from now that it is better to put aside funds, as Line 198 is doing for \$11,000 towards the purchase of a new forestry truck when it is needed. Kristine stated that she was under the assumption that the budget committee was to cut the budget when possible to alleviate the tax burden and if there is the possibility of the forestry truck being paid for by grants or the state then she would rather wait for that information before expending funds that may not even be needed. Vote resulted Kristine, Tom and Ruth in favor with Todd, Sylvia, Bernie and Arthur opposed. Gerry and Gail abstained. Motion denied.*

Motion to adjourn made by Sylvia. Tom seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine Plourde

Accepted as Per Vote of the Budget Committee:

Walter Mills, Chairman

Date

Walter Mills	Gail Ellis	Sylvia Howard
Tom Huse	Arthur Capello	Ruth Scruton
Kristine Bolstridge	Bernie Nason	Virginia Gray
Todd Lefebvre	Gerald McCarthy	