

Farmington Budget Committee
 Meeting Minutes
 January 22, 2003

Attendance: Chairman Walter Mills, Gail Ellis, Arthur Capello, Sylvia Howard, Virginia Gray, Bernie Nason, Kristine Bolstridge, Tom Huse and Selectman's Representative Gerry McCarthy.

Town Admin: Ernest Creveling

Fire/Ambulance: Ky Goslin, Don Vachon

Trustee: Matt Scruton

The meeting convened and was called to order at 7:07 pm by Chairman Mills.

Brief discussion with Matt regarding trust funds. Matt stated that there are no new funds requested this year.

Pg 12, Ambulance (4215)

Line 108, Bill Service discussed. Ernie explained that the line is never actually expended and doesn't really need to be there. *Arthur made a motion to reduce line 108 to \$1.00. Virginia seconded the motion. Vote resulted all in favor. Motion passed to reduce Line 108 to \$1.00.* Ky explained that Line 110 is only for radio repair of the ambulance. Kristine asked what chemicals are used in Line 109, Chemicals. Ky explained that the chemicals are used for blood spills and cleaning purposes. *Arthur made a motion to reduce line 116, New Equipment to \$15,385 reflecting the purchase of 25 pairs of boots not 28 as there are only 25 active ambulance personnel. Gail seconded the motion. Vote resulted Arthur, Gail, Sylvia and Kristine in favor with Virginia and Gerry opposed. Motion passed to reduce Line 116 to \$15,385. Virginia made a motion to reduce Line 106, Pay, to \$18,000. Gail seconded the motion. Virginia stated that she feels there should be proof that 25 active volunteers are showing up for what they are being paid. Vote resulted Virginia in favor with Arthur, Sylvia and Gerry opposed. Kristine, Gail and Tom abstained. Motion denied.* Virginia questioned Line 107, Dispatch and Line 117, Fire-Ambulance Secretary. She asked how the one person who is doing both positions is getting paid. Ky explained that the individual who does dispatch as well as secretarial duties for the department separates the positions and gets paid for the hours worked in each position. *Arthur made a motion to increase Line 115, Medical Supplies to \$7,000. No second. Virginia made a motion to reduce Line 116, New Equipment to \$10,375 reflecting reduction in purchase of turnout gear from 12 sets to only 6 sets. Gail seconded the motion. Virginia stated that she cannot support spending the proposed \$10,020 for turnout gear when she doesn't know if it actually being used. Ky explained that he doesn't know the exact number of how many people need new turnout gear, however when he asked for exactly what was needed in the EMS department that was the number he received. Turnout gear consists of protective pants, jackets, helmets, etc and Ky feels that the gear is absolutely necessary for the protection of his employees. Vote resulted Virginia in favor with Tom, Gerry, Arthur, and Sylvia opposed. Gail and Kristine abstained. Motion denied.*

Pg 13, Fire (4220)

Line 106, Fire Inspector discussed. Ernie explained that the fire inspector is paid for 24 hours per week doing fire inspections or related work. Line 112, Department Payroll discussed briefly. Ky explained that the line covers 33 staff members plus 3 senior officers. Line 107 covers all physicals for the both fire and ambulance employees. Sylvia asked about Line 126, Building Maintenance. Ky explained that the maintenance costs cover painting of the interior of building as well as restoration of the floor, 2 fire doors and stairs. Arthur asked if the department still charges for the use of the hall. Ky responded that it depends on who is renting the hall, but there is usually a charge. Any money that is taken in from renting of the hall is used towards cleaning of the hall and maintenance. If there are any funds left over it is rolled over the next year. *Arthur made a motion to have a warrant article set up for a special revenue fund to account for the funds coming in from the rental. Kristine seconded the motion. Vote resulted all in favor. Motion*

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passed to set up warrant article. Kristine asked about Line 120, Repair Air Packs. Ky explained that each pack has to be tested and maintained.

Sylvia made a motion to increase Capital Reserve on revenue estimate to \$382, 212. Arthur seconded the motion. Vote resulted all in favor. Motion passed to increase. Ernie explained that the difference in the budget between the committee and the Selectmen is \$3,303. Arthur made a motion to accept the Selectman's review of the budget with a proposed tax rate increase of \$1.83. Gail seconded the motion. Vote resulted all in favor except Virginia who was opposed and Tom who abstained. Motion passed. Discussion ensued on approval of meeting minutes. Arthur made a motion to have only the signature of the Chairman or Vice Chairman for the approval of the minutes. Tom made an amendment to the motion to have the initials of every member of the committee on every page as well. Vote resulted Tom in favor with Arthur, Gerry and Sylvia opposed. Kristine, Virginia and Gail abstained. Motion denied. Arthur made a motion to have signature page of the Chair or vice chair as well as initialed of the chair of vice chair on each page. Sylvia seconded the motion. Vote resulted Arthur and Sylvia in favor with Tom opposed and Gerry, Virginia, Gail and Kristine abstained. Motion denied. Kristine made a motion to have initials of every member on each page of the minutes with a signature page for the chair or vice chair. Motion seconded by Tom. Vote resulted all in favor except Arthur who was opposed and Virginia who abstained.

Arthur made a motion to adjourn. Sylvia seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:38pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine Plourde

Accepted as Per Vote of the Budget Committee:

Walter Mills, Chairman

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