TOWN OF FARMINGTON BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Wednesday – May 25, 2011 356 Main Street - Farmington, NH

Members Present: Arthur Capello, Brian St.Onge, Ann Titus, Sam Cataldo, and Neil Johnson

Members Absent: Steve Henry (excused), Chris Somma (excused), Mike Morin (excused) and Cindy Snowdon

Selectman's Rep: Paula Proulx

School Board Rep: Joe Pitre (excused)

Chairman Arthur Capello opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

A. <u>Review of Minutes:</u>

1. Ann Titus motioned to accept the minutes of 4-27-11 as written, 2nd Neil Johnson. Motion carried with Joe Pitre abstaining.

B. <u>Review of School Reports:</u>

1. Joe Pitre announced the schools are anticipating having \$403,000 left over with an additional \$15,000 from kindergarten and this money should be returned to the tax payers.

- 2. Brian asked if the tuition revenue increase is included in the \$403,000 and Joe replied yes and this is because Middleton has 33 more students this year they are paying tuition for.
- 3. Neil asked if the figure for the electrical panel is a true cost and Joe replied that bids are currently out and hopefully the cost will be lower. Arthur asked if an insurance claim was filed for the line and Joe replied he would check.
- 4. Ann asked if the funding for the Kindergarten was more readily available would the full day kindergarten been approved. Joe replied that there are a lot of associated costs with full day kindergarten.
- 5. Neil asked why line 10-2220-51120-30-00 (salaries, media specialist) is overspent by \$15,491. Joe replied he would check.
- 6. Neil asked why line 10-2220-52200-30-00 (FICA Library FHS) and 10-2220-52320-30-00 (retirement library teachers) is overspent. Joe replied he would check.
- 7. Brian asked why line 10-2620-51162-00-66 (salaries, sub custodial district) is overspent by \$11,998.80 and Joe replied a number of people were out on workman's comp.
- 8. Arthur asked why line 10-2620-54301-11-66 (repairs, bldg K-3) is overspent by \$16,010.98 and Joe replied there was a flood at the school that needed repairs.

- 9. Neil asked why all the boiler repair lines are overspent and Joe replied the same part on all the boilers were changed after the flood at Valley View to ensure the lines won't freeze like that again.
- 10. Arthur asked why line 10-2722-51172-00-27 (salaries, spec ed bus drivers) is overspent by \$22,633.59 and Joe said he would need to check but speculated that a new student or a new placement probably came to town and transportation has to be supplied.
- 11. Arthur reminded Joe that the school board questioned what the costs would be for contracting for janitorial, transportation and food service.
- 12. Neil asked if the bond is paid off because nothing is showed on the report and Joe replied that he believes the last bond payment is in August of 2012. Neil then asked what the bond was for and Joe replied Valley View construction and repairs of Henry Wilson.
- 13. Arthur asked if the food service has an \$11,255 shortfall and Joe replied he believes it will be about a \$6,000 shortfall at the end of the year.
- 14. Neil asked why there is so much remaining on the grants and Joe explained that the grants come in at different times during the year and are spent as they come in.
- 15. Neil then asked if a SAU report is coming to the Budget Committee and Joe said the Committee can ask for one and he will try to get it.

C. Review of Town Reports:

1. Neil asked what line 01-4140-10-621 (RSAs) is for.

2. Neil asked if the Committee is supposed to get a Special Reserve Fund Balance report and Arthur replied the Committee can request one after the town makes the deposits into the trust funds whenever that is.

D. Other:

1. Arthur asked if this Committee would be interested in forming a SAU Budget Committee. It was questioned what type of power the Committee would have and Joe said he would do some research on it.

Next meeting is June 22, 2011.

At 8:07pm, Joe Pitre motioned to adjourn, 2nd Sam Cataldo. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandy Sanger Recording Secretary

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