

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON
BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Friday – February 24, 2012
356 Main Street - Farmington, NH**

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

Members Absent: Mike Morin (excused) and Cindy Snowdon

Selectman's Rep: Paula Proulx

School Board Rep: Joe Pitre (absent)

Town Staff Present: Town Clerk Kathy Seaver and Public Works Director Scott Hazelton

Chairman Arthur Capello opened the meeting at 7:02pm and opened the public hearing.

1. Discuss Warrant Article #3:

Arthur stated that warrant article #3 had to be amended because the opt out clause for the public works truck is not available because the first year payment is coming from the capital reserves. With an escape clause only the final payment can come from the capital reserves. Neil asked if the article has to state it is a six year lease purchase and Kathy said yes, she will have to update the article again. After this year the \$33,000 payment will be part of the DPW budget. It was discussed that the Selectmen have not approved this article and will be reviewing it on Monday night. *Steve Henry motioned to recommend Article 3 for the Public Works Truck, 2nd Ann Titus.* Discussion followed where it was noted the truck lease purchase will go out to bid after the article is approved. Gail asked if the article should say it is for “up to \$198,000” and Kathy Seaver replied not really because the “up to” doesn’t matter to DRA. Arthur asked what number will be used to set the tax rate and Kathy Seaver explained the warrant amount of \$198,000 will be used to set the tax rate and if the truck is purchased at a lower rate than the “extra” will go back into the general fund. *Motion carried with Steve Henry, Sam Cataldo, Ann Titus and Neil Johnson in favor, Arthur Capello and Gail Ellis opposed and Paula Proulx abstaining.*

2. Budget Review:

A. Ann Titus motioned to accept the minutes of January 12, 2012 as amended, 2nd Arthur Capello. Motion carried with all in favor.

B. Ann Titus motioned to accept the minutes of January 25, 2012 as amended, 2nd Arthur Capello. Motion carried with Steve Henry and Sam Cataldo abstaining.

C. Ann Titus motioned to accept the minutes of February 15, 2012 as amended, 2nd Gail Ellis. Motion carried with Sam Cataldo abstaining.

At 7:36pm, Ann Titus motioned to adjourn, 2nd Brian St. Onge. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandy Sanger
Recording Secretary

