

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON
BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday – April 25, 2012
356 Main Street - Farmington, NH**

Members Present: Sam Cataldo, Brian St.Onge, Gerry McCarthy, Steve Henry, Ann Titus and Neil Johnson

Members Absent: Mike Morin, Gail Ellis (excused) and Cindy Snowdon

Selectman's Rep: Arthur Capello

School Board Rep: Kathy King

Public Present: Carol O'Connell

Chairman Brian St. Onge opened the meeting at 7:03pm.

1. Public Comment:

Brian reminded the Committee that they cut \$2000 out of the budget for the replacement of four trees at Fernald Park. The Conservation Commission has purchased the trees and will hold a tree planting this Friday at 4pm.

2. Review of Minutes:

Arthur Capello motioned to accept the minutes of January 28, 2012 as amended, 2nd Neil Johnson. Motion carried with Kathy King and Gerry McCarthy abstaining.

Arthur Capello motioned to accept the minutes of February 24, 2012 as written, 2nd Ann Titus. Motion carried with Kathy King and Gerry McCarthy abstaining.

Neil Johnson motioned to accept the minutes of March 28, 2012 as written, 2nd Gerry McCarthy. Motion carried with Ann Titus abstaining.

Some questions were pulled back out of the minutes. As a reminder, Arthur will request a copy of the list of equipment the PD was able to get through surplus. A printout of the revolving account for the recreation department was also requested. Also, Gail had previously asked why there is money in the rec. budget for summer programs when fundraising requests were sent out for the Family Nights in the Park. Lastly, Sam previously requested a print out of what the duties of the emergency management director are.

3. Review of School Reports:

Brian asked why the computer lease for the high school is over by 11% and Neil remembered that Mike O'Neil previously told the committee that the actual lease was a

little more than they had budgeted for. Sam asked why line 10-110-56400-30-33 Textbooks – Gen.Ed.FHS is overspent by \$5,205.08 and Kathy replied she would look into it. Gerry pointed out that line 10-1100-56100-30-33 (supplies, gen. reg.ed.FHS) still has 54% left over and he wonders if the line was misbudgeted. It was discussed that earlier the Committee had asked the school representatives if they tracked what lines they pull money from to cover another line that is over expended and the answer was yes. At that time the Committee asked for a copy of this report and have not received it yet.

Neil then asked why line 10-1200-51130-30-20 (salaries, spec. ed –tutors, FHS) is overspent by \$12,922.50 and Kathy said she would check. The contracted services lines for HWMS 4-6 and 7&8 is also overspent and the Committee would like to know why. Brian asked why the salary lines for academic extra-curricular for all the schools is not paid out yet and Kathy said she would ask. Steve asked why the salary for the athletic videographer is over-expended by \$1,000 especially after such a large discussion about the stipend during the budget process.

Arthur asked why the attorney/legal line on the SAU report is overspent and Kathy said she would check. Neil asked why the longevity for the SAU is overspent by \$3,500. Ann then followed up by asked why the assistant superintendant salary line is overspent. Neil asked why the SAU Staff-travel line is overspent along with the general supplies line. Arthur asked why the equipment replacement line is overspent by \$7,000. Neil then asked about the repairs, building line was for and Kathy said she would check.

4. Review of Town Reports:

Neil asked for an explanation of what the \$6,000 America the Beautiful grant is for and Arthur will check. Sam asked what the timber harvest fund consists of and Neil explained it is the money the Conservation Commission received from the timber harvest on the French Property. Sam then asked why the town hall telephone line is so much and what the monthly bill is approximately; Arthur will check.

Neil asked what the plan is for the animal control officer position is and Arthur explained the Selectmen just voted on a conditional offer of employment for a 20 hour position with set hours. Gerry asked if the town is providing a vehicle for the ACO and Arthur said yes, a retired cruiser will be used. Neil asked why the police dispatch and prosecution line is so close to zero already and Arthur said he would ask but he feels it is because of the recent homicide in town. Neil then asked for an explanation of line 01-4220-60-660 (fire dept. truck ex) and why it is almost all spent; Arthur will check. Neil questioned why the repair and parts line and landfill recycling line under the solid waste disposal section are both almost all spent and Arthur said he would check.

At 8:18pm, Kathy King motioned to adjourn, 2nd Sam Cataldo. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandy Sanger
Recording Secretary

