

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

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

**Members Absent:** Mike Morin, Cindy Snowdon (not excused), Gail Ellis and Sam Cataldo (not excused)

**Selectman's Rep:** Arthur Capello

**School Board Rep:** Kathy King

Chairman Brian St.Onge opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

**1. Review of Minutes:**

*Ann Titus motioned to accept the minutes of September 26, 2012 as amended, 2<sup>nd</sup> Neil Johnson. Motion carried.*

**2. Resignation:**

*Arthur Capello motioned to accept Mike Morin's resignation from the Committee with regret, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Titus. Motion carried.*

**3. Review of Answers from the Town from Last Month's Questions:**

A. Arthur explained that there is not a rec revolving fund accounting available tonight because he asked the town administrator for it too late though it will be available for the next meeting. An accounting for Hay Day was provided.

B. Arthur informed the Committee that the "supplemental tax" is what is imposed on the utility poles.

C. An accounting for the Americorp grant shortage will be provided at the end of the fiscal year once the individual lines are identified for the funds to come from.

**3. Review of Town Reports:**

A. Brian asked for an explanation of the personnel liability line and Arthur explained it is separation pay for the recently retired Police Chief.

B. Neil asked why the cruiser maintenance line is overspent by \$1500 and Arthur replied he would check.

C. Neil asked how the ambulance collections are going and Arthur replied that the town

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just hired a part-time person to collect past due amounts. Steve asked about the rate for ambulance service and Arthur replied he would find out.

D. Neil asked why the part-time help highway line is overspent and Arthur replied he would check.

E. Brian asked why the rebuild/repave line as such a large balance and Arthur explained that the highway garage has been working on drainage but will be paving soon.

F. Neil asked why the overtime for the parks and rec budget has a \$1566 expenditure this month and Arthur replied he would look into it.

G. Brian asked for a copy of the welfare recipient requirements and Arthur replied he would get a copy.

H. Gerry asked what the pole barn funds were spent on and Arthur explained that the funds were spent to erect the pole barn in which the materials were obtained through the federal "free" items.

I. Neil asked what the revaluation line under Capital Outlay is for and Arthur said he would check.

J. Gerry asked if the landfill closure is complete and how much funds are remaining. Arthur replied the final figures are not available yet because it was just closed.

#### **4. Review of School Reports:**

A. It was asked why some of the salaries are encumbered where others are not and Kathy replied she would check.

B. Arthur asked why the schools are providing the paperwork for the tax rate so late because if it is not in by Friday the Town will have to seek a TAN note. Kathy replied that she was assured it would be in by Friday to prevent the TAN but she will ask what the delay was in getting the paperwork.

C. Brian asked why the telephone for the FLA is encumbered because there needs to be a contract in order to encumber. Kathy explained that she believes it is because they are removing the phone from the FLA but she will look into it further.

D. Arthur questioned if the schools are aware of the December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting date and Kathy replied yes.

E. Arthur noted that the SAU budget print out is missing from the file provided and Kathy replied she would request it.

F. Arthur asked why the custodial supply line for the district is overspent and Kathy replied she would check. Neil asked what the line is for because if it is for the SAU then

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it should be coming out of the SAU budget. Arthur then pointed out that Henry Wilson is overspent as well.

G. Steve asked what the Staff Development, course reimbursement and workshop lines are for and Kathy replied she would check.

H. It was noted that there are several lines that say district instead of a individual school and questioned if these are SAU expenditures.

I. Steve asked why the Special Education bus line is overspent by so much and if it will continue to increase. Arthur further questioned what bus is being used for this expenditure.

J. Brian asked how the bus repairs are encumbered and Kathy replied she would check but she knows one of the buses had a large repair that had to go out to bid.

K. Brian asked for an explanation for the salary misc. rec. trip line. Ann explained that the buses provide transportation for the rec program and then the rec reimburses the cost.

L. Steve asked why the supplies, printing/toner line is 1000% overspent and Kathy replied that she would check.

M. Arthur asked what the SIS Maintenance/Support line is for and Ann stated it might be for the Siemans software for the heating system. Kathy added that she would double check but she believes Ann is correct.

N. Brian asked if the hot lunch fee was raised and Kathy said no but they are looking into it because the town will not get reimbursed from the federal government if they don't. Gerry asked for a report on the numbers for the food service.

O. Arthur asked if negotiations have begun yet and Kathy replied yes.

*At 7:58pm, Ann Titus motioned to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Neil Johnson. Motion carried.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandy Sanger  
Recording Secretary