

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON
BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Monday – March 6, 2013
356 Main Street - Farmington, NH**

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

Members Absent: Gail Ellis (excused)

Selectman's Rep: Arthur Capello

School Board Rep: Kathy King

At 7:04pm, Chairman Brian St.Onge opened the public hearing and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Review of Minutes:

A. Neil Johnson motioned to accept the minutes of January 15, 2013 as amended, 2nd Ann Titus. Motion carried with Kathy King abstaining.

B. Ann Titus motioned to accept the minutes of February 2, 1013 as amended, 2nd Arthur Capello. Motion carried with Ann Titus abstaining.

C. Arthur Capello motioned to accept the minutes of February 15, 2013 as written, 2nd Ann Titus. Motion carried with Kathy King abstaining.

2. Review of Town Reports:

The Town did not provide any reports and Brian asked why. Arthur replied he is not sure but that he would find out.

3. Review of School Reports:

A. Brian stated that the RSA requires the schools to keep a report on line transfers within the budget and asked Kathy to provide that report to the Committee. Kathy stated that she would request it.

B. Brian asked why the consumable books at HWMS 4-6 is overspent. Arthur explained that this was previously explained that they had to order additional books and the line is being covered by another line.

C. Brian asked why the Spec. Ed line at the High School is overspent by 33% and Kathy stated that she would check. Steve pointed out that the adopted budget is only \$300 where the requested line was \$7000 so it appears something must be wrong.

D. Neil questioned why the graduation line is \$1100 is overspent and additionally money

was encumbered. Kathy will check.

E. Neil questioned why the salary- custodian line is overspent by \$1100 and Kathy explained that there was a custodian out and they had to bring in a substitute.

F. Neil asked why the VVCS Fire System line is overspent and Kathy replied she would check on that as well.

G. Neil asked why the custodial supplies line is overspent by \$9000 combined in the high school and the middle school. Kathy explained that they are looking at the individual supplies line costs for the rugs, towels, etc.

H. Arthur asked for an explanation of the district lines and what they are for and Kathy said she would check.

I. Neil asked why the heating oil lines are overspent by so much. Kathy said she would ask for the explanation.

J. Steve questioned why the glass repair line has such a large expenditure and questioned if this was the result of vandalism. If it was vandalism then is restitution being sought?

K. Neil asked why the Spec. Ed. Bus driver salary line is overspent by \$14,000 and Kathy explained that there are some additional out of district placements that were not budgeted for.

L. Brian asked why the supplies/printer/toner line is so overspent and Kathy stated a new contract was just signed to fix this.

M. Neil asked where we stand on food service and Kathy explained that they are still in the red though they are currently looking at outsourcing and adding other choices to the a la carte items. Steve asked if a drop in hot lunch participation has been noticed since the increase in cost and Kathy said she would check.

N. Neil asked why the SAU telephone is overspent and Kathy stated that she is currently looking into this.

O. Neil asked what the SAU media salaries is (it was noted right underneath there is a televised board meetings line too) and Kathy said it could be for televising the SAU meetings but she would double check.

At 7:42pm, Arthur Capello motioned to adjourn, 2nd Ann Titus. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Accepted 3-27-13

Brandy Sanger
Recording Secretary