

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON  
BUDGET COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday – March 27, 2013  
356 Main Street - Farmington, NH**

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

**Selectman's Rep:** Arthur Capello

**School Board Rep:** Kathy King

**At 7:00pm, Chairman Brian St.Onge opened the public hearing and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then welcomed new member Jodi Connolly.**

**1. Nominations:**

*Gail Ellis nominated Brian St. Onge for chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Titus. Motion carried with all in favor.*

*Gerry McCarthy nominated Gail Ellis for vice-chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kathy King. Motion carried with all in favor.*

*Gail Ellis nominated Ann Titus for secretary, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sam Cataldo. Motion carried with all in favor.*

**2. Review of Minutes:**

*A. Ann Titus motioned to accept the March 6, 2013 as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Titus. Motion carried with Gail Ellis and Jodi Connolly abstaining.*

**3. Review of Town Questions:**

A. Kathy reported that she did receive a copy of the report of the transferred lines the committee requested and that she would email the members a copy.

B. Kathy reported that the finance administrator did not see where the SAU phones were over-expanded but she found the line and will bring it up at the next School Board meeting.

C. The media salary line is for contract services from a consultant. A follow up question was asked as to who uses this service.

D. It was reviewed that the glass repair line at HWMS 7-8 question was not answered. Steve reiterated that he would like to know if this repair was the result of vandalism and if so, is restitution being sought.

E. Kathy reported that she was told the heating fuel was not correctly computed based on

usage so those figures will be off.

F. The custodian-system maintenance –VVCS- line had a large expenditure because the sprinkler system at VVCS had a leak over Christmas break and this line was expended to make repairs due to water damage.

G. It was answered that the custodial-district line was an error and that those supplies for the floor machine should have been broken up amongst the schools.

H. Steve commented that the technology budget this year was broken out in its own budget and questioned if the custodial lines should be broken into their own budget as well to be consistent.

#### **4. School Questions:**

A. Gerry asked if Farmington owes Middleton a reimbursement for tuition payments that were maybe over charged. Kathy stated that this is being investigated. The tuition calculation is being reviewed by the Superintendent and the Finance Administrator.

#### **5. Review of Town Reports:**

A. Neil noted the rec. revolving fund accounting was not received and Arthur noted it.

B. Neil asked what was purchased under the police-new equipment line and Arthur replied he would check.

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

A. Neil asked if the SAU was given a raise and Kathy said no, the Superintendent was hired at a higher rate of \$99,000 and the original budget was not changed to reflect this.

B. Jodi stated that she heard the Superintendent was out and was told that Bob Lister subbed for him and was paid \$500 a day and questioned if this was true. Kathy replied she is not sure but would check. Jodi noted that she would think the assistant superintendent would cover for him when he is out.

C. Kathy noted that the FLA telephone line went to a cell phone and she asked the question as to how many cell phones are out and who has them but is awaiting that answer.

D. Steve asked why the unemployment at the high school is overspent by 300% and Kathy said she would check.

E. Brian asked what the FLA is being used for and Kathy stated it is still being used for GED classes, credit recovery and for other students who are in danger of not graduating and need some extra help.

F. Neil asked why the line 10-2140-52500-00-00 for unemployment is overspent by \$9,300 even though nothing was budgeted. Kathy will check.

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**G.** Sam asked what “travel maintenance-payroll” on page 27 and Kathy said she would check.

**H.** Brian questioned why the routine maintenance/district on the bottom of page 29 is for and Kathy said she would ask.

*At 8:22pm, Gail Ellis motioned to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Titus. Motion carried with all in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandy Sanger  
Recording Secretary