

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON
BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday – May 22, 2013
356 Main Street - Farmington, NH**

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

Selectman's Rep: Arthur Capello (absent)

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.

1. Review of Minutes:

A. Neil Johnson motioned to accept the January 23, 2013 as written, 2nd Ann Titus. Motion carried with Gerry McCarthy, Kathy King and Jodi Connolly.

B. Neil Johnson motioned to accept the minutes of April 24, 2013 as amended, 2nd Ann Titus. Motion carried with Gail Ellis and Kathy King abstaining.

2. Review of School Questions and Answers:

A. Kathy stated that Middleton is disputing their tuition bill though it is still being analyzed by the SAU and from what she understands the SAU is charging appropriately according to the current area agreement. Also, the new area agreement just has a few monetary details to finalize but Middleton needs to form a feasibility study committee to determine if it is feasible for them to withdraw from the SAU.

B. Brian asked if the audit is complete yet and Kathy replied no.

C. Steve asked if Kathy found out why the school is overspent on unemployment. Kathy replied she does not have any answers because the school has been without a finance administrator for the past 60 days. Currently MRI is assisting with the audits that were late and the SAU has been working to get the audits complete.

D. Neil noted that the SAU report is also needed.

3. Review of Town Reports:

A. Neil asked why the highway radio repairs line and tire line are over budget.. Also, why is the highway engine oil over budget.

B. Brian asked why the transfer station phone is \$60 a month.

C. Steve noted that it would be nice to know the number in attendance at Rec. programs.

D. It was reiterated that the committee would like to know how much it costs to run the summer program and how much residents/Middleton pays. Steve further questioned how many Middleton residents use the summer program. There were many questions on the tiny print in the last column of the rec. report.

4. Review of School Reports:

A. Neil asked why line 10-26220-54110-30-66 (utilities water FHS/FLA) is overspent along with Utilities/sewage FHS/FLA and waste removal. Kathy stated that the waste removal lines are overspent because they bought out the Waste Management contract because in the long run it will be cheaper with the new contractor, Casella. It was noted that the schools do not recycle and if that program can be started money can be saved on pick-ups.

B. Neil asked what was spent on the repairs/building lines because there are almost \$6200 in expenditures for the month. Kathy said she would ask.

C. Brian asked why the systems fire maintenance line at VVCS has a large expenditure and Kathy said she would check.

D. Jodi asked what the travel maintenance payroll line is for and Kathy said she would check.

E. Brian asked why the diesel line is overspent by \$13,000 and Kathy stated that they have students far away for out of district placements as well as, homeless transportation going on but she will double check.

F. Brian asked what line 888 Employee purchase P/R deduct is for and it was explained that staff can purchase items through the district and then the staff pays for the product through payroll deduction.

G. Kathy stated that outsourced food servicing bids have come in but the item has not been put on the agenda as of yet.

At 8:08pm, Gail Ellis motioned to adjourn, 2nd Ann Titus. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandy Sanger
Recording Secretary