

## Budget Advisory Committee Minutes of October 26, 2009

Present: Charlie Pyle, Bob Arpin, Henry Kunhardt, Becky Moul and Nick Wilder.

Meeting opened at 7:00pm

Housekeeping items:

- 1) Becky motions Charlie Pyle be the BAC chairman for 2009. Henry seconds, all in favor.
- 2) Charlie motions Becky Moul be the Secretary and Nick Wilder be the Vice President. Bob seconds, all in favor.
- 3) We agreed to keep the Mission Statement as written in 2008.
- 4) Henry discussed RSA 32:5 - Budget Preparation

**Cemetery:** Ethel McStokes, Bob Abbott and Betsy Wiederhold, Cemetery Trustees, presented the budget. There was an \$800 increase in the budget, \$500 in cemetery repairs #2. Fencing or a border of some kind needs to be done at cemetery #3. Granite curbing put in to keep people from driving on corner lots. The pipes are in need of repair. We had ruptured pipes this year. Betsy questioned why they were allowed to put only \$10,800 of the \$12,113 grounds keeping contract on the budget. After much discussion it was decided to put \$11,213 in the grounds keeping line with an additional \$900 coming from perpetual care funds. The town is required to pay the difference of what perpetual care doesn't cover. Overall the request for 2010 funds is an increase of \$713.

**Heritage Commission:** Maureen VonRosenvinge presented the budget. Due to activity in the grant writing area their budget went up to \$2,500 from \$300. She has applied for \$31,000 in grant money. No matching funds from the town. The Charitable Foundation grant would be the match for the LCHIP grant. These grants would cover a complete engineering report and architectural maps. These are things needed in order to move forward, or not, on the Town Hall.

**Conservation Commission:** Betsy Hardwick presented the budget. A bottom line reduction of \$60, bringing the final request to \$1715 was presented. Betsy indicated that going forward they would be looking for money, approximately \$5000, to have natural resource inventories completed. This is mandated by the state. There is a great deal of volunteer time going into this effort. Also, a state project ended up covering part of our responsibilities so we don't have to have it that part done again.

**Building Inspector:** Selectmen presented the budget. The salary line is reduced by \$1000. Office supplies is reduced by \$100. An additional \$50 is added to Professional Development. This budget is reduced by \$1,050 to \$3250.

**Treasurer:** Selectmen presented the budget. We are still without a Treasurer. Tom, as Select Chair, assumes the roll. The Selectmen are interviewing a couple of different Prof. Auditors. We will leave the audit line as it is for now. We will wait for results of interviews and proposals. One proposal was \$15,000.

General discussion with the Selectmen concerning insurance. The employee's insurance costs are going up 16.4%. Sherrri has taken the initiative to solícite other bids and options. We will see what she comes up with. Betsy has had conversation with Gary Paige and the general consensus with the highway dept is they would rather not get a raise then have to pay for their benefits. This can be a cause & effect on employee moral. She does not know Chief Bell's position on the issue.

Nick motions to adjourn. Henry seconds, all were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Moul, Secretary