

Budget Advisory Committee Minutes of November 3, 2010

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

Meeting opened at 700pm in the Selectmen's office with Bill M., Scott C and Betsy H. Other residents present were Maureen VonRoseninge, Steve Griffin, Ethel MacStubbs, Lisa Bourbeau and Tom Anderson.

Cemetaries: Ethel MacStubbs was present for the budget presentation. \$500 removed from grounds keeping due to the combining of various grounds keeping accounts now charged to General Gov't Bldgs. Brings bottom line to \$13,013.

They are looking to get a laptop for death records. After general discussion it was decided the Selectmen would approach the IT guy and request a quote for a "desk top work station". A "work station" in the meeting room which could be password protected and utilized by all departments.

Heritage Commission: Maureen VonRoseninge presented the budget. Still working hard in the grant area. Has rec'd \$1500 in private donations which will be used for PR/advertising. There is \$76,000 in CIP "Building Improvements". Still \$10,000 in LCHIP and \$4,000 in Nat'l Trust. The commission may need \$1500 to \$2000 for Engineering purposes to balance out our part of matching funds. Waiting to hear from a foundation grant if we will be receiving any monies. If not, they would like it to come out of the CIP "BI" fund.

Welfare: Phyllis Nnaegeli presented the budget. We have already spent \$25,000 this year and there was only \$18,000 budgeted for 2010. After much discussion it was decided the Entitlements line would be \$23,000. She reported there wasn't an increase in clients but some have become longer term. Small group of Francestown people have formed a community help group called "Friends of Francestown". Their efforts are to help in a wide variety of ways those in need.

Planning & Zoning: Bob Lindgren presented the budget. There is an increase of \$1500 for the Master Plan. There will be more activity in the coming year. Relying on volunteers to do all the work doesn't always work. They will have to do some paid work this year. Our MP is 14 years old and we should have a revised one every 5 years. Not paying regional dues has not been a detriment to the town. Purchasing less publications may have a small effect on the budget. Abigail Arnold will be CIP Chair. Bob believes CIP hearings will be January 11th and 12th but he will confirm and get back with us.

Charlie reports Patriotic Purposes was accidentally left off. It will be covered when BAS and BOS have a meeting after all hearings have taken place.

Nick motions we adjourn, Becky seconds. The BAC has completed their meeting with the Selectmen.

Next Meeting Monday, November 8nd, 7pm at the Town Offices Meeting Room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Moul, Secretary