

## Budget Advisory Committee Minutes of November 8, 2010

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

Meeting opened at 7:12pm with the BOS present. Other residents present were Paula Hunter, Andy Paul, Carol Brock, Polly Freeze, Lisa Broubeau, Tom Anderson, BJ Carbee, Dave Kullgren and Larry Kullgren.

Minutes of October 25<sup>th</sup> approved with changes. The Selectmen suggest the EAGLE needs regarding not refurbishing and the Selectmen are adding 2 more street lights.

**Library:** Paula Hunter, Library Trustees Treasurer, Andy Paul Library Trustees Chairman and Head Librarian Carol Brock presented the budget. Overall 2.31% increase. Grounds Keeping is in the Selectmens General Gov't Buildings. This line either needs to leave the Libraries budget or the general gov't building budget but it shouldn't be on both.

The service contract covers the elevator, the alarm system and the IT contract.

Print (new books) is up by \$225. They were asked if they would consider taking the increase away. Andy indicated that they have presented their budget. If the BAC & BOS want different bottom line then it needs to be communicated to the trustees and they will re-evaluate the budget.

**Fire:** Chief Larry Kullgren presented the budget. They are getting ready to purchase the new tanker. That is why there is much unspent money in the budget. Once the tanker is in there will be some specialty items that will need to be purchased. They are saving the money for that reason. The purchases will be made prior to the end of the year. Telephone is up \$530 due to internet. There are 2 computers at the fire station: one in the Chief's office and one in the general office. An internet box is shared with the highway dept. Fire is under the town IT contract. This cost is for the internet alone. High electric bill due to old hot water tank. Considering a tankless hot water heater. The radios will be Federally mandated to be on a certain smaller band width in 2012. He is already purchasing 3 or 4 a year now to lesson the impact when the change takes place. He will be needing a one time service for programming of the radios. Cost for this service is \$2200. Discussion to be had with the CIP: 7 breathing apparatus will be removed from service. He would like to maintain 6 total instead of 7. He would like 2 in the tanker and 2 in each Engine. Cost per apparatus is \$5000. This has been taken from Fire Equipment CIP fund in the past.

**Rec Committee:** NO SHOW

**Elections & Registrations:** Elaine McCleary presented the budget. There is one less election next year. There is no change from last year.

**Financials:** Elaine McCleary presented the budget. There is no change from last year.

### **General Conversations:**

Selectmen informed the BAC that we rec'd the grant for the Russell Station Bridge. We will be holding a special meeting December 1 at 7pm in the town hall to vote on removing \$20,000 or \$25,000 out of Reserves to start the Engineering process. The Selectmen will need to put a warrant article in to appropriate the rest of our 20% match. The special meeting money is part of the town's 20%.

Selectmen announced the tax rate to be \$21.99 up \$0.99 from last year.

Selectmen believe the Pleasant Pond Association will be coming forward with a warrant article for mill foil prevention called the Lake Hosts program. Betsy believes it is a \$1400 request. Charlie suggests they meet with the Selectmen to do a request for a match of in kind labor.

The BAC will be meeting with the BOS on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Town Offices Meeting Room. The purpose of this meeting is to go over last minute cost fill ins, wages, benefits and any other budgetary items/questions.

Charlie motions that we accept the minutes of November 3<sup>rd</sup> as written, Nick seconds, all in favor.

Charlie motions we adjourn, Bob seconds, all in favor.

Next Meeting Monday, November 15<sup>rd</sup>, 7pm at the Town Offices Meeting Room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Moul, Secretary