

## Budget Advisory Committee Minutes of January 6, 2010

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

Participants: Betsy Hardwick, Tom Anderson & Sherry Miller

Meeting opened at 7:05pm

**Library:** Charlie spoke with Andy Paul. He feels they can cut \$1000. We would like to see \$1500. The Library budget has increased (compared to 2007 budget -last year fully operational) by \$3000 or 4%. We request a \$1500 cut for a 2% increase instead of 4% increase. Charlie will speak with Andy and Andy will speak with the Trustees.

**Planning & Zoning:** Southwest Regional Planning Commission. What should be done? What are the benefits of membership? Will the town lose benefits? Betsy believes we will lose FEMA grants. All of our grants with the Ice Storm went thru them. They provide services at a reduced rate. Charlie to send memo to the Planning & Zoning Board and ask them what the benefits are. Henry to call SRPC as a resident and ask what the benefits are. Put \$1732 back into the budget until we have an answer.

**Telephone:** All areas had corrections and/or adjustments made to the telephone line. Sherry has done her best to straighten this out with Fairpoint.

**Town Report:** The Town Report will stay the same size but will be thicker because of larger print. Cost \$1100.

**Executive:** There is \$2000 put in the computer supplies line for new computers for the office. Recommended by the IT contractor.

**Solid Waste:** Drop Compactor Haul from \$48,000 to \$40,000. As far as salaries Tom recommends using last years cost of \$30,000. Becky disagreed with that but wants to be sure we charge the correct amount on the salaries line. The selectmen have removed the \$5000 for Hazardous Waste Day. Recommends having HWD every other year. A majority of the BAC agreed it could be put off for a year due to budget constraints. Educate the residents ahead of time. Becky reaffirmed that the WDC will stand at Town Meeting, request the funds be put back in and let the voters decide. Budget reduced by \$9172.

**Police:** Cell phone plan needs to be investigated. \$3720 is a lot for 2 cell phones. One cell per car. The fuel numbers need to be checked. Much discussion on the overall budget. It was a unanimous The BAC and Selectmen will meet to finalize various numbers. That the Police budget be held at last year's numbers of \$142,713. How it is allocated is up to the Chief.

**Recreation Commission:** Fees and donations go into the revolving fund. There needs to be a warrant article to change the wording so ONLY private donations go into the revolving fund. Betsy will follow up with the Rec. Com. Fees bring in around \$3,000 or \$4,000.

**Pay Raises:** If we have increases they would be like this but, please keep in mind it is the increase in salaries line only. Other lines affected by salary amounts is not figured in the increase.  
1% - \$5600    1.5% - \$7500    2% - \$10,000

Next meeting is Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at the Town Offices Meeting Room.  
Final Budget numbers will be gone over with the Selectmen.

Budget Hearing will be Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

CIP meetings start January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Town Offices Meeting Room.

Henry moves we accept minutes of December 21, 2009 with minor mentioned changes. Bob seconds, all in favor.

Henry motions we adjourn, Charlie seconds; all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Moul, Secretary