

Budget Advisory Committee Minutes of January 10th, 2011

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

Meeting opened at 7:00pm. Residents present were Tom Anderson, Abigail Arnold, Chief Bell, Andy Paul Donna Noonan, Gloria Normile and Gary Paige with Selectmen Hardwick & McAuley joining the meeting around 7:15.

General Gov't Bldgs-Grounds is up but the Rec Com is going to reduce their grounds by \$1800. The fields are covered in this budget. The IT contract is up with \$900 of it being a new desk top in the meeting room for the different committees to share. The maintenance fees were discussed. Can we cut back on the number of times the cleanings are done. Less in the summer months maybe? The town hall is closed in the winter months so the weekly cost should be less than when the town hall is open and cleaned. The police station is also not cleaned once a week. If we reduced cleanings by $\frac{1}{4}$ or 13 weeks we could reduce that line by \$1235. The Selectmen are planning on new bushings for the Fire Dept doors and work on the entry way to the town offices meeting room. Bottom Line of \$42,212.

Solid Waste-Becky presented a budget with over \$8000 decreased from last year's appropriations. Salaries were discussed as to whether the town wanted the attendants to continue to pick up the trash from the library, town offices, town hall (when open), rec fields (summer) or not. It was left that Becky come back with the salary number that includes this service. She indicated to that there is no need to cut the TS operating hours.

Police-The Police budget is up a great deal with Dispatch (5,793), Phone (1,500) and Salaries (3650) being the main factors. Once again the Chief spoke of cutting patrol hours. He reported 18 on calls in 2009 and 10 on calls in 2010. Less calls costs the town less money with the dispatch company (Sheriffs dept). The audit is only done every 5 to 6 years, Ours was just done in 2010 which is why the cost has increased so much. Is there a way we can look at the phone system to decrease the costs?

Highways & Streets-Gary has reduced the OT budget by 77 hours or \$7180. He will provide the worksheet for our records.

Rec Dept-It is confirmed the rec dept will be reducing the grounds line by \$1800.

Next meeting January 17th, 2011

Becky motions we adjourn, Nick seconds, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Moul, Secretary