

**MINUTES
JOINT BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE
OCTOBER 5, 2010**

Meeting called to order at 7:30 am.

Members present: Councilor Steve Whalen, and Councilor Scott Mason. Also, present were Town Comptroller Susan Gagner, Town Administrator Jeff Nutting, Finance Committee Chair Jim Roche, Finance Committee member Rebecca Cameron, School Superintendent Maureen Sabolinski, School Committee Chair Jeff Roy, Assistant School Superintendent Sally Winslow, School Committee members Paula Mullen and Sue Rohrbach.

The Town Administrator stated the FY 11 budget looked ok pending the outcome of the statewide ballot questions or any mid-year reduction in local aid. He was gathering requests from the departments and the schools for the FY 11 Capital and at some point; we should address the school building issues with the exception of the High School and Davis Thayer.

FY 12 will be a huge challenge given the schools FY 11 budget used approximately \$3 million in one-time revenue, anticipated reductions in local aid and potential increases in health insurance, pensions, etc. There was a general discussion about the challenges the town will face with adoption of the FY 12 budget.

The Town Administrator proposed that the budgets including the school budget be finished by the end of January and that once the proposed local aid numbers are available he could make the FY 12 budget recommendation.

It could be forwarded to the Finance Committee and voted on by the Town Council in March.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jeffrey D. Nutting