

APPROVED OCTOBER 27, 2010

Chairman Charles Kimball called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Budget Committee members present were Charles Kimball, Mike Nygren, Andy Kohlhofer, Pat Martel, Laurie Allore, Joyce Booker-Janvrin, Selectmen Greta St. Germain, School Board Member Ida Keane and recording secretary Jeanne Nygren.

A motion was made by Kohlhofer to accept the minutes of the October 13, 2010 meeting. This was seconded by Nygren. The vote was unanimous 7-0-1. Booker Janvrin abstained as she was not present at that meeting.

St. Germain presented some questions that she wants to go to the School Board. She wanted to see fiscal year 2009-2010 trial balance account for all accounts in the general fund, in food service fund and in the federal funds. She also requests a copy of the Form 1-grant application that is used for IDEA grants. Keane replied this was a large report. Martel suggested putting it on a CD or e-mail to the Budget Committee members. Keane said this is public information. Kohlhofer motioned for the School information mentioned above be supplied to the Budget Committee. This was seconded by Nygren. This was unanimous 8-0.

Keane went through the dates we scheduled last week of the meetings with the School Board, Principals, School Superintendent and Financial Administrator, and there are some dates that conflict with schedules and all can't be present but there will be representation at all the meetings by some member of the School Administration.

St. Germain said that the Selectmen are going to revisit the Town Clerk budget at their Thursday night meeting for some clarification in hours of operation.

St. Germain went through the Building Inspection budget, which she said was challenging this year for the Selectmen and they are trying to restructure the Town and its needs based on the income from revenues. The Budget Committee will go through this budget later in this meeting.

4312-Highway budget was started and reviewed for quite some time. Kohlhofer stated that he had been going through some old budgets and the Warrant Articles on the road repairs. The Selectmen were concerned that if \$150,000.00 was put on as a Warrant Article and voted no, that there will be no money available to start road repairs, which the Town needs to address this year. The Highway Study Committee has listed roads that need repairs. By putting this line for road reclamation into the highway budget, then roads can be started to be worked on. Nygren stated he had read the highway committee minutes there was a lot of discussion on getting back into a schedule for road repairs and no longer do the bandage approach that was done in the past. Martel remarked that a lot of the other line items have gone up also. Nygren said they still haven't got any figures and the members of the board may benefit in their decisions by these figures researched by the Highway Study Committee on equipment purchase, and there was discussion again on the purchase of a backhoe as a piece of town equipment.

St. Germain elected to abstain from voting on the Highway budget as she along with other committee members designed the budget. St. Germain also noted for the record that Leon Holmes Jr. was not part of the budget design process as he was absent during that Study Committee meeting.

Kimball stated he thought that the salary increase of the Road Agent should be put into a Warrant Article. St. Germain said there will also be a Warrant Article to put in the Road Agent position as a three year term. Nygren asked if some of the subdivision roadwork of the Road Agent can be charged to the engineers when checking on subdivision work. St. Germain also stated that Road Agent Pitkin is aware that the town will be eventually purchasing a backhoe.

A motion was made by Keane that the salary increase of \$5,800.00 in line 4312-075 be placed as a Warrant Article. This was seconded by Martel. The vote was unanimous 8-0.

A motion was made by Kimball to increase line 4312-105 truck maintenance by \$500.00 to \$4,500.00. This was seconded by Keane. The vote was 7-1 with a nay vote by St. Germain.

A motion was made by Kohlhofer to decrease line 4312-106 truck fuel by \$250.00 to \$5,250.00. This was seconded by Keane. The vote was 6-2. Booker-Janvrin voted nay and St. Germain abstained.

Nygren asked how much tree work is scheduled for completion. St. Germain said Shirkin Road is the only one at this time that she is aware of. A motion was made by Martel to reduce the tree line 4312-027 by \$5,000.00. This was seconded by Keane. There was a discussion that this may be too much of a cut. A motion was then made by Kohlhofer to reduce tree work 4312-027 by only \$2,500.00 to \$12,500. This was seconded by Martel. The vote was 7-1. St. Germain voted nay.

A motion to approve the bottom line budget in the highway department at \$505,565.00 was made by Keane. This was seconded by Allore. The vote was 6-2 with nay votes by Martel and Nygren.

4240-Building Inspection. St. Germain said that the Selectmen reduced this budget salary line to 24 hours a week. The Selectmen's goal was to make this a self sustaining department and they reviewed the past 6 years of revenue. Kimball agreed with this recommendation. A motion to reduce 4240-020 mileage line by \$200.00 to \$2,000.00 was made by Allore. This was seconded by Kohlhofer. The vote was unanimous 8-0. A motion to approve the wage line at \$26,557.00 was made by Kohlhofer. This was seconded by Allore. The vote was 8-0.

A motion to approve the bottom line budget in the Building Inspector budget at \$30,607.00 was made by Kohlhofer. This was seconded by Allore. The vote was unanimous 8-0.

Nygren will send out budgets that have recommendations by the Selectmen on Thursday night's Selectmen's meeting for next week Budget Committee meeting to review and try to make their recommendations next Wednesday.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Booker-Janvrin. This was seconded by Kimball. The vote was unanimous 8-0. The meeting ended at 9:15 PM.

The next Budget Committee meeting will be Wednesday, October 27, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Nygren
Recording Secretary

