

## APPROVED NOVEMBER 3, 2010

Chairman Charles Kimball called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Budget Committee members present were Charles Kimball, Mike Nygren, Pat Martel, Laurie Allore, Joyce Booker-Janvrin, Selectmen Greta St. Germain, Andy Kohlhofer, School Board Member Ida Keane and recording secretary Jeanne Nygren.

The meeting's agenda is for the Committee to go through the budgets that the Selectmen have already made their recommendations on. (The full detailed rationales on each budget recommendation are found in previous meeting minutes.)

4130-Executive-Town Clerk portion. This budget was tabled at the last meeting. St. Germain said that on last years Clerk's narrative the Selectmen didn't pick up the difference in the work week hours from the previous year. The Selectmen did not recommend a salary increase for this reason. Kohlhofer made a motion on budget line 4130-045 Executive-Town Clerk portion to recommend the \$29,491.00, which was the Selectmen's recommendation, and that any increase for elected officials should be put on as a Warrant Article. This was seconded by Nygren. The vote was unanimous 8-0.

A motion was made by Keane to recommend on budget lines 4130-045 to 4130-061 the amount of \$50,171.00. This was seconded by Kohlhofer. The vote was unanimous 8-0.

4150-Financial Administration-Tax Collector. A motion was made by Kohlhofer to recommend \$25,700.00. This was seconded by Keane. The vote was unanimous 8-0.

4195- Cemeteries. Nygren asked if the projects that are ongoing were for the tree stump removal and possibly road opening in the cemetery, and were there bids out on these jobs. St. Germain said they were trying to get quotes, and to get it done this year as there is money in the budget to do the stump work. Any recommendations on this budget were tabled by the Committee until they have an outline of the plans set for spending the funds in this line this year.

Solid Waste Collection and Disposal. Nygren stated most of this budget is contractual and made a motion to recommend in Solid Waste Collection \$225,740.00 and in Solid Waste Disposal \$116,539.00. This was seconded by Kohlhofer. The vote was unanimous 8-0.

At 7:45 Kohlhofer left the meeting to attend the Planning Board hearing down stairs.

4414-Animal Control-A motion was made by Keane to recommend \$9,590.00. This was seconded by Allore. The vote was 6-1. Booker-Janvrin voted nay.

4442-Direct Assistance-St. Germain said that the Selectmen have taken the Director's wage line out of the Selectmen's budget and placed this into the Direct Assistance budget as they feel that is where it belongs. Martel asked if this was a stipend or a salary as it is listed both ways and should be uniform and suggested to change to Welfare Director Salary. A motion was made by Nygren to recommend \$19,000.00 in line 4442 Direct Assistance. This was seconded by Allore. The vote was unanimous 7-0.

4520-Parks and Recreation-A motion was made by Allore to decrease line 4520-020 Playgroup from \$1000.00 to zero. This was seconded by Nygren. The vote was 3-4. Nay vote by St. Germain, Booker-Janvrin, Martel and Keane. A motion was made by Keane to reduce this line

from \$1,000.00 to \$500.00. This was seconded Martel. The vote was 4-3. The nay votes were made by Kimball, Nygren and Allore. Nygren suggested since there has been cutting in most budgets by the Selectmen, he suggested to have the Parks and Recreation Commission come back in and thought that maybe if they could try to get some contributions and donations, and to see if they could adjust their budget some way and not to have the taxpayers fund the amount in this budget each year. Keane felt maybe a study needs to be done to see if Fremont is undercharging for the Summer Camp Program. The Committee also needed some clarification on the new Director for the Summer Camp Program to see who is running this program, and if there are any changes or is it going to be the same program. A motion was made by Allore to table this budget. This was seconded by Keane. The vote was unanimous 7-0.

4583-Patriotic Purposes. A motion was made by Nygren to recommend \$2,335.00 in the Patriotic purpose budget. This was seconded by Keane. The vote was unanimous 7-0.

4610-Conservation Commission. St. Germain said the Selectmen felt they can take funds from their Conservation revenue account for their expenses. A motion was made by Keane to recommend \$1,000.00 in the Conservation Commission budget. This was seconded by Nygren. The vote was unanimous 7-0.

Keane passed out the answers to the school questions that were asked at last weeks meeting. She asked to members read them over and to add any questions they may have and get back to her.

A motion was made Martel to accept the minutes of the October 16, 2010 meeting as amended. This was seconded by Keane. The vote was 6-1. Martel abstained as she was not present at this meeting.

A motion was made by Keane to accept the minutes of the October 20, 2010 meeting as amended. This was seconded by Allore. The vote was unanimous 7-0.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Nygren. This was seconded by Martel. The vote was unanimous 7-0. The meeting ended at 9:30 PM.

The next Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Nygren  
Recording Secretary