

APPROVED DECEMBER 1, 2010

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

A motion was made by Keane to accept the minutes of the November 10, 2010 meeting as written. This was seconded by Kohlhofer. The vote was 7-1. St. Germain abstained as she was not present at this meeting.

Keane wanted to verify the dates with the Budget Committee that the school would be meeting with the Committee. A suggestion was made for one work session with just the Budget Committee after they get the school budget and this was scheduled for the December 1st meeting. The school officials meet with the Budget Committee on December 8th, 15th and the 29th.

Fire Chief Richard Butler came into the meeting at 7:10 PM. He reviewed some of the questions that were asked by the Budget Committee. The requested questions on the Raymond dispatch calls from 6AM to 6PM reviewed to see if there were a trend as last year there were 17 unanswered calls. Also as of November 1st 2010 there are 22 that were unanswered to date with a total of approximately 308 calls. These calls are both fire and EMS. St. Germain asked who eventually service these calls. Butler responded that either Raymond or Epping Ambulance. Kohlhofer remarked that his request for a full time Chief would mean increases in salary, retirement, FICA, pension, and these calculations added up to between \$86,000.00 to \$90,000.00. St. Germain asked about hiring what two part-time EMT's would cost as opposed to a full time Fire Chief.

Butler said he is meeting with the Selectmen on the LOSAP line as he is forecasting it will be short in 2010 and the Selectmen cut this line by \$10,000.00. He went through with the Committee how the points are calculated depending upon training sessions, meetings and number of calls responded to and how each plays into the calculation each member receives. St. Germain wanted to see the documentation of the LOSAP program. Nygren asked what is the difference in eligibility from 2008, 2009, and 2010. Butler said 14 people were originally budgeted for. Now there are more eligible (16) and 14 meet the criteria depending upon education level. This is what payout amount is figured on. Nygren asked if all 16 were eligible for the \$2500, where does the rest of the money go (16,000.) Butler said points paid out depend on calls, time on that call and this is how they are calculated. You have to have a minimum of 15 points to qualify for anything. Butler said if there is anything left for funds you could roll it back into the other fund. The Selectmen reduced this line by \$10,000.00 because there has been money left in this line.

Keane asked on the lines that were reduced did the Selectmen do these reductions by past history. Allore asked on Preventative Maintenance to explain the difference in that line and equipment repairs which Butler went through. He also said there is a Warrant Article coming for \$470,000.00 for the new fire truck. Keane asked if the full time chief position will go on as a warrant. Butler wasn't sure on this position. With no more question for Chief Butler he was thanked by the Committee and left the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Kimball has the LOSAP for this year. There was a discussion on pros and cons of having a full time person in this position versus part time coverage and what the Town can afford. Kohlhofer said this position would also have to be advertised. St. Germain said most of the justification Butler gave for full time Chief was because of the unanswered calls.

St Germain said Butler is meeting tomorrow night with the Selectmen meeting to discuss the LOSAP and point's line which he wants to put more money into.

Kimball stated that the Fire Rescue Department members meet once a month to discuss what is best for the department.

Martel motioned to recommend \$153,246.00 as the bottom line figure for the Fire Rescue Department budget which was also the Selectmen's recommended amount. This was seconded by Kohlhofer. The vote was 5-3. Nay votes by Booker-Janvrin, Allore and Kimball.

4445-VENDOR PAYMENTS TO SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES

A motion was made by Kimball to reduce line 4445-018 American Red Cross a motion to cut this line from \$1375.00 to zero. This was seconded by Nygren. The vote was 4-4. This motion didn't pass. A motion to reduce this line only by \$875.00 to appropriate \$500.00 for the Red Cross was made by St. Germain. This was seconded by Nygren. The vote was 7-1 with the nay vote by Kimball.

A motion to reduce line 4445-002 Seacoast Hospice by \$1,000.00 to zero was made by Allore. This was seconded by Nygren. The vote was 4-4. This motion didn't pass. A motion to reduce Seacoast Hospice only by \$500.00 to \$500.00 was made by St. Germain. This was seconded by Nygren. The vote was 5-3. The nay votes were made by Keane, Kohlhofer and Booker-Janvrin.

A motion was made to reduce line 4445-003 Lamprey Health from \$4,100.00 back to \$3,800.00 was made by Keane. This was seconded by Nygren. The vote was 7-1. The nay vote was made by Allore.

A motion was made to reduce line 4445-007 Richie McFarland Children Center from \$4,200 to \$1,800.00 by Keane. This was seconded by Nygren. The vote was unanimous 8-0.

A motion was made to reduce line 4445-006 Seacoast Mental Health from \$2,000.00 to \$1,000.00 by St. Germain. This was seconded by Keane. The vote was unanimous 8-0.

A motion to recommend bottom line figure in 4445-Vendor Payments at \$23,888.00 was made by Kohlhofer. This was seconded by Nygren. The vote was unanimous 8-0.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kimball. This was seconded by Nygren. The vote was unanimous 8-0. The meeting ended at 9:30 PM.

The next Budget Committee meeting will be December 1, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Nygren
Recording Secretary

