

APPROVED JANUARY 10, 2011

Chairman Charles Kimball called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM on January 5, 2011. Budget Committee members present were Charles Kimball, Mike Nygren, Pat Martel, Laurie Allore, Ida Keane, School Board member Deb Genthner, Principal Dawn Lewis, Jason Schreiber, Lisa Fioravante, Melissa McKeon, Antje McKee-Courcy, Greg Fraize and recording Secretary Jeanne Nygren.

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 29, 2010 meeting was made by St. Germain This was seconded by Martel. The vote was 5-0. Keane abstained as she was not present at this meeting.

Martel question what is covered under Catastrophic Aid. Keane said this is those who exceed the calculated figure in the budget. Martel said no district should have to pay anymore than \$58,293.00. Keane said that is when the Catastrophic Aid kicks in. Lewis explained that if the Special Education secretary goes to full time that she would be able to do the reimbursements instead of contracting this service. But after going through the numbers Martel said that it works to be cheaper to continue the way it is now being done under contract.

St. Germain had asked Sandstrom for a breakdown on each teacher with their health plan and benefits. Keane didn't know if Sandstrom was coming in to the meeting tonight. Keane then was able to print this information from her email that Sandstrom had sent to Keane.

Martel looking at the Dec 14th expenditure sheet stated there is \$23,000.00 unspent in the health insurance for this year. (\$19,000.00 in special education and \$4,000.00 in regular education). Keane said that some of the health insurance changes were due to life changes. Nygren said the contract that is on file with the State has no provisions that list an incident that can change a health plan. Keane will have to ask this question as she feels this is an agreement with the teachers. Martel asked on reducing the appropriations in health insurance are they able to do this. Nygren felt only if they are not under a teacher's contract as they are negotiated.

St. Germain stated that decisions were made by the Selectmen and the Town had their insurance carrier changed at a cheaper plan with the same benefits and that employee had to absorb more of the premium and that the Budget Committee's general feeling is that the school should do the same thing.

Kohlhofer came into the meeting at 9:00 PM.

The Committee then continued to go through the school budget to consider other areas to make changes. They discussed and suggested to hold the health insurance flat to last year figure and to make that reduction and reductions to speech, psychology, out of district coordinator, reduction of transportation to the last years figure, special education secretary to a half time position, paraprofessional position in line with State guidelines per student, class sizes to also go in line with State guidelines per classroom, increase to contracted services, adjustment to supplies, textbooks and workbooks, consideration in dropping the athletic program funding completely by the school, and repair of plant equipment and bring back to the previous year figure. Some considerations for changes and the deductions were State guidelines and also enrollment being down 4%. These are just suggested cuts as this is a bottom line budget and the School Board can change where cuts are made. The spreadsheet calculations will be tabulated and discussed at the next Budget Committee meeting for recommendations.

St. Germain questioned that Ellis is not a middle school it is identified as an elementary school and Keane said that they call the grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 the middle school grades. Keane said the response to intervention program helps students in their achievements. Nygren feels that if you take 3 classes and make them 2 you would only be reducing 1 teachers and not impacting the intervention program. Keane didn't know the structure in the language arts teacher position and if you start cutting the teachers and the one's that are left their may have more responsibilities. Nygren said you won't be teaching more classes only more students in each class and the same amount of classes. Keane feels the larger classes could hurt the learning process of education.

St. Germain said that the School can not put anything new on the default budget. Keane said the board has not approved this yet and their meeting is Monday night.

Kohlhofer asked if the Superintendent proposed budget have everything in it. Keane said that there a suggestion to take out the athletics but they voted to leave it in. Kohlhofer said that with Evergreen costing \$300,000.00 this year that this could result with other things not getting funded. Allore asked for the examination on the evening supervisors 60 at \$50.00 each for a total of \$18,050.00 and what that was for and what it included.

Nygren had to leave the meeting at 9:30 PM.

The Budget Committee started to go through the Town Warrants.

**TOWN OF FREMONT NH
2011 TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

**To the inhabitants of the Town of Fremont in the County of
Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:**

PURSUANT TO RSA 40:13 II, THE FIRST SESSION OF THE 2010 TOWN MEETING
(THE DELIBERATIVE SESSION) SHALL BE HELD ON TUESDAY FEBRUARY 8,
2011 AT THE ELLIS SCHOOL AT 432 MAIN STREET IN FREMONT NEW
HAMPSHIRE BEGINNING AT 7:00 PM. THE SNOW DATE FOR THIS SESSION IS
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2011 BEGINNING AT 7:00 PM AT THE ELLIS
SCHOOL.

THE SECOND SESSION (VOTING SESSION) SHALL BE HELD ON TUESDAY
MARCH 8, 2011 AT THE FREMONT SAFETY COMPLEX AT 425 MAIN STREET IN
FREMONT NEW HAMPSHIRE WITH POLLS OPEN FROM 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.
ALL ARTICLES WILL BE VOTED UPON BY OFFICIAL BALLOT WITH ANY
AMENDMENTS AS MADE AT THE DELIBERATIVE SESSION.

ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICERS

ARTICLE 1: To choose by ballot all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

2011 OPERATING BUDGET

ARTICLE 2: Shall the Town of Fremont raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$_____? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$----- which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Fremont or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Note: This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in ANY other warrant articles. The Selectmen ___ recommend this appropriation _____. The Budget Committee ___ recommends this appropriation _____. (Majority vote required.)

** Some capital reserve articles may be funded from unreserved fund balance and not create an additional impact to the tax rate in 2011. These decisions will be made by the Board of Selectmen after the 2010 books close for the year and the balance can be reviewed.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee _____ recommends this appropriation _____. (Majority vote required.)

Kohlhofer wanted the report of the Highway Study Committee that the Budget Committee had requested. St. Germain said she will provide the committee's study results. Kohlhofer motioned not to recommend any money appropriation until these results are studied. This was seconded by Martel. The vote was 4-2. The vote passed not to recommend this article at this time.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500) to be placed in the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee _____ recommends the appropriation _____. (Majority vote required.)

A motion to recommend article was made by Keane. This was seconded by Kohlhofer. The vote was 6-0. The Budget Committee recommended this appropriation.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Town Hall Renovations Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee _____ recommends this appropriation _____. (Majority vote required.)

A motion to recommend this article was made by Keane. This was seconded by Kohlhofer. The vote was 6-0. The Budget Committee recommended this appropriation.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the Property Reassessment Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee _____ recommends this appropriation _____. (Majority vote required.)

A motion to recommend this article was made by Kohlhofer. This was seconded by Keane. The vote was 6-0. The Budget Committee recommended this appropriation.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee _____ recommends this appropriation _____. (Majority vote required.)

A motion to recommend this article was made by Keane. This was seconded by Allore. The vote was 6-0. The Budget Committee recommended this appropriation.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in the Highway Maintenance Building Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee _____ recommends this appropriation _____. (Majority vote required.)

A motion not to recommend this article was made by Kohlhofer. This was seconded by Martel. The vote was 2-4. The Budget Committee recommended this appropriation.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Historic Museum Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee _____ recommends this appropriation _____. (Majority vote required.)

A motion not to recommend this article was made by Martel. This was seconded by Allore. The vote was 5-1. The Budget Committee did not recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-six thousand nine hundred ninety-six dollars (\$26,996) to purchase and equip a Police Cruiser for the Police Department; and further to authorize the withdrawal of twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000) from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation _____. (Majority vote required.) There is \$2,996 to be raised from taxation for this article.

A motion to recommend this article was made by Keane. This was seconded by Allore. The vote was 6-0. The Budget Committee recommended this appropriation.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand three hundred eighty-five dollars (\$6,385) for the purchase of OHRV equipment; and further to authorize the withdrawal of six thousand three hundred eighty-five dollars (\$6,385) from the OHRV Special Revenue Fund created for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee _____ recommends this appropriation _____. (Majority vote required.) There is no amount to be raised from taxation for this article.

A motion to recommend this article was made by Kohlhofer. This was seconded by Allore. The vote was 6-0. The Budget Committee recommended this appropriation.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to renovate the Fremont Highway shed to a maintenance building; and further to authorize the withdrawal of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from the Highway Building Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee _____ recommends this appropriation _____. (Majority vote required.) There is no amount to be raised from taxation for this article.

A motion to recommend this article was made by Kohlhofer. This was seconded by Martel. The vote was 6-0. The Budget Committee recommended this appropriation.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a ___# year lease/purchase agreement in the amount of \$465,000 for the purpose of lease/purchasing a 2011 fire truck (insert details) _____ and to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the chassis down payment; and further to authorize the withdrawal of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund for said down payment. The Selectmen _____ recommend this appropriation _____. The Budget Committee _____ recommend this appropriation _____. (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-nine thousand five hundred fifty dollars (\$49,550) to continue the Public Health Mosquito Control Program. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee _____ recommends this appropriation _____. (Majority vote required.)

A motion to recommend this article was made by Keane. This was seconded by Martel. The vote was 3-3. This article will be voted again at a later meeting.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of Cable Access, and to raise and appropriate twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) from cable franchise fees, to be placed in said fund. All

revenues received from cable franchise fees will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the Town's General Fund unreserved fund balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee ____ recommends this appropriation _____. (Majority vote required.) There is no amount to be raised from taxation for this article.

A motion to recommend this article was made by Martel. This was seconded by Keane. The vote was 6-0. The Budget Committee recommended to appropriation.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand two hundred dollars (\$5,200) for an increase in the Road Agent Salary. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee ____ recommends this appropriation _____. (Majority vote required.)

A motion not to recommend this article was made by Martel. This was seconded by Kohlhofer. The vote was 4-2. The Budget Committee did not recommend this article appropriation.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to change the term of elected Road Agent from one (1) to three (3) years. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation 3-0. The Budget Committee ____ recommends this appropriation _____. (Majority vote required.)

A motion not to recommend this appropriation was made by Keane. This was seconded by Allore. The vote was 6-0. The Budget Committee recommended this appropriation.

ARTICLE 18: Pursuant to RSA 41:45-a, are you in favor of having the office of Town Clerk combined with the office of Tax Collector, thereby creating a new office of Town Clerk-Tax Collector to be held by one individual, with a term of 3 years? The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0. The Budget Committee recommends this article _____. (Majority ballot vote required).

A motion to recommend this appropriation was made by Kohlhofer. This was seconded by Allore. The vote was 6-0. The Budget Committee recommended this appropriation.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of NH RSA 36-A:4-a, I (b) to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend funds for contributions to qualified organizations for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the Town will retain no interest in the property. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0. The Budget Committee ____ recommends this article _____. (Majority vote required.)

A motion not to recommend this article was made by Kohlhofer. This was seconded by Allore. The vote was 5-1. The Budget Committee did not recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Highway Maintenance Building Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1993. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0. The Budget Committee _____ recommends this article _____. (Majority vote required.)

A motion not to recommend this article was made by Kohlhofer. This was seconded by Keane. The vote was 5-1. The Budget Committee did not recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Radio Communications Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1998. The Selectmen recommend this article 3-0. The Budget Committee _____ recommends this article _____. (Majority vote required.)

A motion to move this article was made by Keane. This was seconded by Allore. The vote was 6-0. The Budget Committee recommended this appropriation.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kohlhofer. This was seconded by Martel. The vote was unanimous 6-0. The meeting ended at 10:35 PM.

The next Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday January 10, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Nygren
Recording Secretary