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**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Continuation of Budget Workshop
Wednesday, January 11, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman M. DiBitetto called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

PRESENT: Daniel Belanger, Philip Fitanides, Jason Hyde, Mike Jolin (arrived at 6:15 pm), Paul Loiselle, George Longfellow, Doug St. Pierre, Stuart Werksman, Chairman Michael DiBitetto, David Jodoin (Town Administrator), Diane Savoie (Finance Director)

DELIBERATION:

Building – D. St. Pierre moved to remove the motion to approve the budget from the table. Motion seconded by D. Belanger. **Motion carried unanimously.**

D. St. Pierre moved to increase the budget by \$32,400.00. Motion seconded by D. Belanger.

Roll Call:

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| D. Belanger | Yes | G. Longfellow | No | | |
| P. Fitanides | Yes | D. St. Pierre | Yes | | |
| J. Hyde | No | S. Werksman | Yes | | |
| P. Loiselle | Yes | Chairman M. DiBitetto | Yes | 6-2 | <u>Motion carried.</u> |

D. St. Pierre moved to approve the budget in the amount of \$134,128.00. Motion seconded by G. Longfellow.

There was a discussion as to the need of additional personnel in the Building department. D. St. Pierre explained that the individual would be responsible for enforcing the Town's ordinances and taking violators to court. G. Longfellow stated he does not think a code enforcement officer has the power to take any ordinance violators to court.

Roll Call:

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| D. Belanger | Yes | G. Longfellow | No | | |
| P. Fitanides | Yes | D. St. Pierre | Yes | | |
| J. Hyde | No | S. Werksman | Yes | | |
| P. Loiselle | Yes | Chairman M. DiBitetto | Yes | 6-2 | <u>Motion carried.</u> |

Administration - D. St. Pierre suggested increasing the public officials salary to twice the amount. He stated this would entice more people to volunteer their time and services to the Town.

D. St. Pierre moved to increase the total officials salary (line items 1-401-11-111 through 1-401-11-119) to \$47,600.00. Motion seconded by P. Loiselle.

D. Savoie stated that the Town Council's stipend is set on the Town Charter; therefore, an amendment to the Charter is necessary in order to change the salary.

D. St. Pierre amended his motion to include line items 1-401-11-113 through 1-401-11-119 only. Motion seconded by P. Fitanides.

Roll Call:

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| D. Belanger | Yes | G. Longfellow | No | | |
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| P. Fitanides | Yes | D. St. Pierre | Yes | | |
| J. Hyde | No | S. Werksman | Yes | | |
| P. Loiselle | Yes | Chairman M. DiBitetto | Yes | 6-2 | <u>Motion carried.</u> |

Chairman M. DiBitetto stated that the Budget Committee requested to look into provisions on the Hooksett-ites budget limit. Discussion on the matter ensued. Council consensus was to advise the Budget Committee that the Council was unable to find any provisions with regards to the Hooksett-ites budget limit.

The Council asked what the anticipated tax base would be. D. Jodoin stated that the estimated tax base on new construction only is about \$50 million. The tax value is currently at 78% with an estimated \$0.61 increase in 2006 taxes. Discussion on the matter ensued.

P. Loiselle moved to approve the Administration budget in the amount of \$3,182,289.00. Motion seconded by D. St. Pierre.

Roll Call:

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| D. Belanger | Yes | G. Longfellow | Yes | | |
| P. Fitanides | Yes | D. St. Pierre | Yes | | |
| J. Hyde | No | S. Werksman | Yes | | |
| P. Loiselle | Yes | Chairman M. DiBitetto | Yes | 7-1 | <u>Motion carried.</u> |

Assessing - D. Jodoin stated that the budget would have to be increased by \$1,200.00 for the Assessor's certification.

P. Loiselle moved to increase the budget to \$154,567.00. Motion seconded by S. Werksman.

Roll call vote carried unanimously.

Fire - On January 7, 2006, the Council voted for \$2,111,395.00 instead of the correct figure of \$2,111,392.00.

D. St. Pierre moved to correct the budget to reflect \$2,111,392.00. Motion seconded by D. Belanger. **Roll call vote carried unanimously.**

Highway - P. Loiselle moved to amend the budget amount to \$1,053,410.00 and add a line item for the Connector Road Construction for \$1.00. Motion seconded by D. St. Pierre.

Roll Call:

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| D. Belanger | Yes | G. Longfellow | Yes | | |
| P. Fitanides | Yes | D. St. Pierre | No | | |
| J. Hyde | No | S. Werksman | Yes | | |
| M. Jolin | Yes | Chairman M. DiBitetto | Yes | 7-2 | <u>Motion carried.</u> |
| P. Loiselle | Yes | | | | |

Town Building - At the last meeting, the Town Administrator was asked to look into the cost of installing separate access for the Police and Fire at the Communication Tower. D. Jodoin informed the Council that the cost would be around \$2,500.00.

P. Loiselle moved to increase the budget by \$2,500.00 for a total of \$346,113.00. Motion seconded by D. St. Pierre. **Roll call vote carried unanimously.**

Non-Union Pay Increase – D. Belanger moved to include the non-union pay increase of 2% COLA and 2% merit in the warrant article.

Roll Call:

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| D. Belanger | Yes | G. Longfellow | Yes | | |
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| P. Fitanides | Yes | D. St. Pierre | No | | |
| J. Hyde | Yes | S. Werksman | Yes | | |
| M. Jolin | Yes | Chairman M. DiBitetto | Yes | 8-1 | <u>Motion carried.</u> |
| P. Loiselle | Yes | | | | |

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn F. Horn
Administrative Assistant

Philip Fitanides
Town Council Secretary