

## Town of Jaffrey, NH Budget Committee Minutes

October 14, 2009 - **Corrected**

Attendance: Bob Bussierre, Chair; Jake Jalbert, Norm Langevin, Bill Gilson, Sue Greenough, Becky DeGrandpre, Mike Hartman, Frank Sterling

Guest: Selectman Don MacIsaac

Meeting opened at 7:08pm

Minutes: **Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes from previous meeting as amended.**

### Old Business:

Agreed upon by committee to send a thank you letter to the Meeting House Committee for allowing us to use there facility for meeting.

### New Business:

Bill Gilson gave a report on the Budget & Finance Workshop that he attended. Very good seminar, well attended and recommended that members of this committee should attend if they have not. Highlights:

1. Budget Committee's do not spend enough time on reviewing the revenues.
2. The Committee should set up goals at the beginning of the new tax year.
3. The committee should be knowledgeable of the forms used and how they are filled out like Warrant Articles.

Mike mentioned that the November 11<sup>th</sup> is a holiday and that the Town Office will be closed.

Special Town Meeting is set for November 14, 2009. Brochure on this meeting handed out. Bill asked if any debt service will be completed shortly or are we adding more debt if this passes. Mike and Frank thought that some debt would be completed in the years 2011 / 2012. Expanding the plant would help to bring in revenue instead of using the surplus to help keep the rates down. Bill asked about Betterment Fee's or other like programs the town could use. Currently nothing like this planned at the moment. The town is working with some neighboring towns to have them send their septic to our plant which is revenue to the town. Phosphorus permit states 0.16 and not the 0.20 level that the State of NH said. 50% financial grant is currently available for this type of project.

**Motion: Consensus of the Budget Committee to have the Chairman of the "BC" be in attendance at the special town meeting and speak in favor of the warrant article. \*\*4 Yes, 1 No, 1 Abstained\*\* Motion passed.**

### Recapitulation of Budget:

Not much has changed since the last meeting in September.

Town prevailed on the Van Dyke case. It will now be going to the Supreme Court. Not expecting anything to occur until January 2010.

We are still in good shape financially for the year. Most departments feel that they will finish in the black.

Dave D. has not been cleared yet for full duty by his doctor. Paying both Dave and Jim D. still and this is why the wages for building inspector has only 7% left in the budget line.

The town has lost \$123,000 of revenue sharing from the State of NH for this year.

Town has locked up the upcoming year's oil rate at \$2.199 per gallon.

Paving work is in progress and a lot of the work has been completed.

The Turner Report shows that we need to spend over \$4,000,000 in building improvements. The intention of the Selectman is to organize a committee of volunteers to review this report, all building needs and the community center, and to have a recommendation for the selectman.

The TIFF committees are still short of members. They are looking for volunteers. This is run by the EDC, Economic Development Committee, and meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 8:30am in the town office.

Bill Gilson suggested that we set goals for the upcoming tax season. The committee should collectively put together a list goals; items that we want to see and have this list for the November meeting for discussion.

**Motion: Requested that the next meeting be set for Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 7pm. Passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Norman Langevin, secretary pro-tem