

**TOWN OF JAFFREY
BUDGET COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF JAN. 11, 2011 MEETING**

Members present: Norm Langevin, Bill Gilson, Sara Belletete-Abitz, Becky DeGrandpre, Jeanne LaBrie, Rick Fernald, Mike Hartman, Sue Greenough

Guest: Don MacIsaac

Meeting opened at 7:01 p.m.

Old business – none

PROSECUTION Rick Carpenter presented proposal for 2011 budget. Rick has cut his hours to approximately 29 hours per week and has hired an assistant who works 25 hours. This means a savings with no overtime and no health insurance for either one. The budget has decreased by \$29,000. The office space cost is \$323. a month, which is all inclusive. An increase of 2% will occur in October, 2011. There will be an increase in travel expenses due to the court sitting 31 days less this year, which means more traveling for other courts. There were no questions for Rick from the committee.

POLICE Chief Bill Oswalt presented. Department has been trimming each year. The department is still down one full time officer. March 1 is target hiring date. Line 635 – significant rise in amount due to gas prices – important to keep visibility high which means more traveling by the officers. Christopher Anderson is the School Resource Officer. The cost of this position is being paid by the school budget. Line 430 – front entry should be replaced on the building – painting the Cupola will cost approximately \$4000. Rick asked about the overtime amount – must be kept higher in case money is needed. Expense is kept lower due to the Chief and Lt. Choate taking shifts themselves when necessary.

Capital expenditure next year for replacement of computers. Technology is important for information exchange between departments in different locations. Effective Feb. 1 there will be a change to a new company for implementing changes and maintenance on computer systems.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Rindge has been housing the animals picked up in Jaffrey, they will be charging a fee for overnight stays for unclaimed animals. No other changes.

Contracted Services

High expenditures due to hiring of officers mainly to cover fireworks show. SRO Chris Anderson is being paid through school – if school discontinues the program, Officer Anderson would return to his position on the police force and the new officer that is being hired would have to be layed off.

NEW BUSINESS:

David Chamberlain would like to add Contracted Services to his budget to cover Firefighters called in for emergencies and events, this is being covered by call wages right now. A discussion regarding billing the Chamber of Commerce for firefighters covering the fireworks. Mike will discuss prospects with David in the near future. This would be added into the budget for 2012.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Sara at 8:05 p.m. and seconded by Becky.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2011