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**TOWN OF JAFFREY
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 6, 2011**

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

Missing – excused absence Becky DeGrandpre

Meeting opened: 6:59 p.m.

A re-election for Board Chairman was held. Sara made a motion to reelect Norm which was seconded by Jeanne. All board members were in favor.

Article 2 – Gilmore Pond bridge, if taken out of the budget, will reduce the bottom line by \$141,000. Consideration must be given to the ramifications that will arise if this is done. The town will be forced to close the road, which will cause a delay for emergency vehicles trying to respond and also school buses will need to be rerouted.

Article 3 - If the police car is not purchased, this reduces the bottom line an additional \$27,000.00 but could possibly increase the amount spent on maintenance for the remaining police vehicles.

Jeanne made a motion to accept removing these items from the budget – which was seconded by Sara. All in favor - accepted

Articles 4 and 6 - discussion on salary increases. Mike Hartman spoke with both the police and DPW unions – the agreement, when reached, will be kept confidential. Contracts will be honored unless unions agree to break contract. State statutes mandate the manner in which increases are voted on. If unions do not agree to bargain, increases will be put through as originally planned. The police union is in the last six (6) months of a three (3) year contract. If a decision is made to cut the salary and wage budget – it could mean closing departments, such as the library and recreation department.

Total operating budget for 2011 would be \$7,943,679. with the removal of Gilmore Pond bridge and the new police vehicle.

Bill made a motion to accept budget as outlined – Sara seconded this motion. All in favor – accepted

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING GUIDELINES

The town meeting will take place on Thursday, May 19, 2011 at the Pratt at 7:00 p.m.

A budget hearing will take place on April 16, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at the Fire Department which was posted in the newspaper for all residents.

Sara made a motion to hold second meeting – Bill seconded the motion. The vote was 4 in favor – 1 opposed. A second informational meeting will be held on May 7, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the Town Office.

The revised budget will be posted on the Town of Jaffrey website.

Calendar for remaining meetings:

April 16, 2011

May 7, 2011

June – July – August

no meetings

Sara made a motion to adjourn meeting – seconded by Bill

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.