

TOWN OF JAFFREY
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

JANUARY 5, 2012

Attendees: Norm Langevin, Bill Gilson, Sue Greenough, Kathy Batchelder, Ric Fernald, Robert Schaumann

Mike Hartman

Guests: Jean LaBrie, Don MacIsaac

Meeting opened: 7:04 p.m.

Minutes were read and corrections requested. Corrections were noted and Bill made a motion to accept minutes with corrections made, Kathy seconded. Minutes were accepted.

Presentation for the Library budget was made by Joan Knight.

The changes made to the 2011 budget include moving \$1,000 from line 670 (General Books) to line 675 (Audio & Video). This is being used more frequently by visitors. The full amount for General Books was not used, allowing the money to be used to cover building repairs in excess of what had been budgeted. An increase for this line item (line 430) has been requested, increasing the amount from \$6,000. to \$6,600. Approximately \$3,100 of this line item is used to cover annual common expenses. Out of this amount, about \$2000 goes to repairs to doors and windows. The driveway needs repairs as well as rugs needing replacement. Also, cost to heat the building has increased

The difference in the overall budget figure for 2012 is an increase of \$794.00 from the 2011 budget.

A motion to tentatively accept the \$299,689 budget for 2012 was made by Bill seconded by Robert. All in favor.

Presentation for the Recreation budget was made by Walt Pryor.

The figure presented is \$32,000 less than the 2009 budget. A much needed new van was requested in Capital Outlay.

The amount on line 650 represents money approved from the 2011 budget to move a pole at Humiston Field. The pole must be moved in order to lengthen right field; efforts are being made to find a company to do the work.

All buildings are in fairly good shape, they are drafty so heating costs are high, but the overall condition is good. The warming hut has a new roof and updates have been made to the thermostats so that are timed to cut down on heating costs.

The money for program wages is sufficient the problem is finding people to fill the positions.

The programs are only on Saturdays for a short time, so it is difficult to find people who want to accept the short term employment. Due to the shortage of staff Walt has had to run some of the programs himself.

It would be a great service if the recreation committee could be up and running.

A motion was made by Ric to tentatively accept the \$238,402 budget amount; this motion was seconded by Bill. All in favor.

RECREATION SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

The expenses are offset by fee revenue; the excess amount can be rolled over and is not closed out.

A motion was made by Ric to tentatively accept the \$72,087 amount, this was seconded by Sue. All in favor.

Fire Department budge presented by Dave Chamberlain

Line 420 – on call wages have been funded at the 2011 level, but one major fire can put this line over budget

Line 411 – heating cost is actually \$1,000 over –the fire station averages 2300 gallons of oil per heating season.

Line 665 – this line has been decreased by \$6,400 as grant funds of that amount were used in 2011. There has been an increase in the use of SCBA breathing equipment due to all the gases that are emitted anytime a fire call is answered in a building. These gases are caused by all the chemicals that are used in the manufacture of carpeting, furniture and other manmade products. The purchase of the air bottles that are necessary for today’s equipment is at a cost of \$600 - \$800 per bottle. At least six bottles will be needed this year. This money can come from line 290 (Protective Clothing) or line 665 (Misc. Equipment Replacement) if there is money left over.

Changes made to Line 635 reflect an increase of \$1000 to bring the figure to \$5500.

This results in the totals being \$326,254 for 2012 Dept. Req, \$309,061 2012 Town Mgr. for a decrease of \$6641.

A motion was made by Bill to tentatively accept the amount of \$309,061, this was seconded by Sue. All in favor.

A note was made that the budget figures presented to the committee are through the period ending Dec. 19. This does not include any encumbrances. Summary sheet for the budget will be received by Jan. 10. There has been a format change – the committee will receive the budgets for the departments scheduled to appear the day prior to the presentations.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ric, seconded by Bill.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY JANUARY 10TH IN THE LOWER MEETING ROOM OF THE LIBRARY.