

TOWN COUNCIL/BUDGET MEETING WORKSHOP
November 9, 2006

The Council Meeting/Budget Meeting Workshop of November 9, 2006 was called to order at 7:10 PM in the Moose Hill Conference Room, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH.

PRESENT: TOWN COUNCIL; Chairman, Brian Farmer; Vice Chairman Joe Paradis; Councilors Mark Oswald, Tom Dolan, Marty Bove; Town Manager David Caron; Assist. Town Manager/Finance Director Sue Hickey; and Margo Lapietro, Executive Assistant.

BUDGET COMMITTEE: Sean O'Keefe, Mike Brown, Tom Freda, Adriana Komst, Michael Toth, Frank Hegerty (7:35PM). Absent: Chairman John Silvestro.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Farmer opened the meeting at 7:10 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a moment of silence for the men and women in the service and for those who have given their lives for this country.

PUBLIC COMMENT

NEW BUSINESS

FY 08 Municipal Budget - Public Works- Janusz Czyzowski, Public Works Director and Donna Limoli-Admin. Assist. Presented. J. Czyzowski reviewed mission statement of the Public Works Department.

Highway-. J. Czyzowski stated that due to flooding in October and May, money went into storm damage at Industrial Drive, Adams Road area, Kendall Pond Dam, Gilcrest Road, spent close to \$ 700K. FEMA will pay \$500K; so far we have received \$450K from them. M. Brown asked how much state will pay Town Manager Caron responded they agreed to 12 ½% and when received it will be deposited into the General Fund. High Way Dep. over expended by \$500,000. Councilor Bovey commended Public Works (PW) for all their hard work. Highway Budget up due to contractual salaries. \$41K current FY deficit for hydrants, costs \$324K right now. Councilor Dolan asked how many hydrants we have; J. Czyzowski responded 194 from Pennichuck Water Works, 233 from Manchester Water Works and 26 from Derry. Average rental for a hydrant is. \$800-\$900. Fuel is up as well as Snow Removal, also added in sidewalk clearing. Discussion ensued about who is required to clear sidewalks homeowner vs. town. J. Czyzowski responded no policy in Town. Councilor Bove inquired about liability. Town Manager Caron said it is not the abutter's responsibility; it is based on the Town winter maintenance policy. If the Town has a policy that it is not going to maintain sidewalks then the Town is not liable for any injuries. If Town's policy is that it will maintain the sidewalks, then it is responsible. It was decided to investigate this further. Councilor Oswald asked if this work was sub-contract out, J. Czyzowski responded it was because we don't have the equipment. Replacing equipment is part of the general maintenance fund. Councilor Oswald asked if used equipment is traded in for new equipment, J. Czyzowski responded it is. Councilor Oswald then asked if we had ever had a town auction for used equipment. He asked S. Hickey to check into how other towns do this. Councilor Dolan asked if that tractor could be used in the Recreation

Dept. because they are looking for one. J. Czyzowski said they will owe him for the trade in value. M. Brown asked how they get it; Janusz said they put it out to bid. Town Manager Caron informed the Council that we do share equipment in Town. T. Freda asked if we can join with another town to buy in multiples, Town Manager Caron responded we can do a joint bid it is allowed, depends on market climate if get better bid. Janusz said some of this equipment is specialized. Road cleaning, maintenance and street paving have the highest costs. Town gets \$500,000 from state, for the repair of 180 miles of roads. Cost to reconstruct is \$1.6M, \$1.3M for partial, shim and overlay is \$80 –\$120K per mile of road. Last year devoted funds to shim and overlay only. Town has an investment of about \$100M in roads, have to maintain and manage them. Asked CIP for \$2M for 6 years for roads. S. O’Keefe asked how it got to this point. Chairman Farmer said policies in the past would not pass bonds. T. Freda asked why the Town did not have some kind of trust account for town roads, spread roads about. Town Manager Caron said we can establish a capital reserve fund for road repairs. M. Brown said that since 1994 Town has invested \$38.4 M in infrastructure, time to give to Public Works.

Solid Waste– reduced due to overestimate in tonnage. Default budget. Councilor Oswald said that recycling is popular in town.

Sewer/Engineering – reviewed special revenue account. Increases due to additional flow, repair maintenance. Big increase due to Mammoth Rd. Sewer debt, 1991 bond and administrative support costs. No effect on tax base.

Councilor Bove said town growing, look at benefits of having our own water dept. and our own water supply if economically feasible. Asked Town Manager Caron to look into this subject further down the road.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Oswald made a motion to adjourn 8:35 PM. Second Councilor Paradis. Councils’ vote 5-0-0.

Notes and Tapes by:	<u>Margo Lapietro</u>	Date: <u>11/9/06</u>
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MEETING SCHEDULE:

A. Town Council, November 20, 2006 about 7:00 PM, Moose Hill