

Budget Committee  
Fire Station training room  
7:30pm October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Approved: November 12th, 2008

Present at this meeting: Budget Committee Members: Judith Brotman, Richard Jones, Earl Strout, Freda Swan, Charles Justice, Josh Kilham, Jeff Lehmann, and Mark Schiffman. Scribe: Dina Cutting. Department heads: Chief Field & Chief Hinsley. Fire Department members: Aaron Rich, Jeff Valence, Tim Estes, & Paul Mayo. Community members: Simon Carr.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Brotman at 7:30pm.

**Police Department:** Chief Field presented the proposed Police department's budget. Questions were asked by the budget committee members concerning wages, programmed hours, grant monies, and various duties of a police officer.

**Fire Department:** Chief Hinsley presented the proposed Fire department's budget. Chief Hinsley shared various hand outs. Chief Hinsley explained that the Fire Fighters would like to eliminate the Payroll line and add in additional insurance coverage for Fire Fighters incase of injury or disability. Followed was a discussion concerning payroll, insurance protection, the types of fire trucks we have, and the increase in fuel costs. The Vehicle Capital Reserve fund was discussed. The Fire Department's choice depending on the town's financial status would be a tanker for \$232,000.00 or a supply truck for \$303,000.00. Followed was a discussion on the need for 3 trucks instead of 2, and the status of the present fire trucks. At this time the Fire Department cut \$1,800.00 from the total budget. Line 175 from \$4,000.00 to \$ 3,000.00 and line 178 \$5,000.00 to \$4,200.00.

**Emergency Management:** reviewed the proposed grant.

**Solid Waste:** It was noted payroll had increased. The attendants' hours were reviewed. This department receives revenues of about \$40,000.00.

**Health Agencies:** The proposed appropriations were reviewed.

**Town Poor:** This department was reviewed. This fund is significantly over budget this year. The proposed amount for this fund is \$40,000.00.

**Pond Program:** The proposal was reviewed. Next year it will add an additional week of camp. This program is off-set by revenues.

Mr. Jones moved to approve the minutes of the October 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Swan. Voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Carr presented a handout. The Selectmen have re-organized the staff in the Selectmen's office. They are in the process of finalizing this change. They hope to have most of the budget numbers by the November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

No meeting November 5<sup>th</sup>, the budget committee will be meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> to hear the proposed Selectmen's budget.

At 9:45 Mr. Jones moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mrs. Swan. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dina Cutting