Minutes Budget Committee 1/10/11

**Budget Members Present:** Sandy Schoen, Bruce Houston, Mike Decubellis, Kevin Boette, Scott Roper, Donald Guertin. Missing: Karen Grybko, James Button, Walter Holland.

Public: Donnie Sawin, Jeff Shinn Fire Department: Rick McQuade, Brian Smith, Kevin Burke

Call to order 8:00

Fire Department Reviewed 2012 Budget

* Budget is down in total approximately $900 from 2011, discussed the following line items:
	+ Telephone, Fire Dispatching, Dues, Hazmat Annual Dues, Office Supplies, Reimbursement, Wages, Consumable Materials, Equipment Repair, Turnout Gear Cleaning, New Equipment – costs were budgeted the same as 2011.
	+ Scheduled Equipment Repair was reduced by $1700
	+ Dry Hydrant - $0, nothing will be needed in 2012.
	+ Radio Maintenance – Two new radios are needed
	+ Truck Maintenance – Budgeted flat even though actual expenses were high in 2011, we discussed that several repairs were completed by necessity in 2011. Expenses in 2012, should remain as budgeted.
* Fire Department discussed the need to replace 14 Air Packs. They are getting quotes from several vendors to present to the town. Old Packs have no trade-in value; all were purchased between 1988 and 1992. Technology has changed and much better/safer equipment is available. The new packs would conform to NFPA recommendations. The cost is approximately $75-85,000. Information is still being gathered and will be presented at a later date. There may be a need to development a CIP for equipment; this will be discussed at a future date.

* Reviewed the minutes from the 12/20/11 meeting

Motion to accept was made by Kevin Boette and seconded by Mike Decubellis - Unanimous

* Reviewed Proposed Schedule for Budget Meeting. Next meetings is

1/24 at 7:30 –Police Department

1/26 at 7:30 – Wilton Town Hall / Ambulance and Recycling

* Motion to adjourn 9:00 was made by Mike Decubellis, seconded by Kevin Boette - Unanimous.

Minutes by S. Schoen