

Board of Selectmen Public Budget Work Session Minutes
January 29,2009
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New Durham Board of Selectmen
PUBLIC BUDGET WORK SESSION MINUTES
January 29, 2009

Members present: Peter Rhoades, Ronald Gehl, David Bickford

Also present: Town Administrator (TA) April Whittaker

1. Call to Order – Chairperson Peter Rhoades convened the meeting at 6:35 P.M.

2. 2008 Budget Review:

2008 Comparative Statement of Appropriations – end of year:

<input type="checkbox"/> Unaudited Expenses	(\$ 30,292)
<input type="checkbox"/> Unaudited Surplus Revenue	\$223,474

*Unaudited Expectation of \$193,182 unexpended funds to the undesignated fund balance.

*This covers emergency appropriation of \$180,000 for March's Pond with a balance of \$13,182 to be returned to the undesignated fund balance.

The overages to the budget were due to higher legal expenses than anticipated, the Town Mechanic re unanticipated repairs, Insurance deductibles, and waste disposal costs re the burn pile clean up .

Mrs. Whittaker advised that revenues were up over last year but many are not anticipated such as police details, court fines and therefore, cannot be relied on from year to year.

3. Budget Review for 2009 Budget:

Per appropriations and cuts of Jan 26th, 2009 Account 4130 through to Account 4441, remained the same.

		<u>REDUCTIONS</u>
Acct 4520 Parks & Recreation	Ballfield Maintenance	\$1000
Acct 4550 Library	Operating funds	\$5000
Accts 4583 through to Acct 4712 ~	no changes	
Acct 4723 Interest on TAN		\$ 5,000
Mr. Bickford reluctantly agreed to the cut to the TAN line:		
Acct 4901 Land & Improvements	Road Reconstruction/Paving	\$50,000
Acct 4902 Capital Outlay/Equip.	no cuts	
Acct 4903 Capital Outlay/Buildings	no cuts	
Acct 4909 Improvements	Fuel Pump Upgrade	\$12,000

The Selectmen agreed to move Milfoil Treatment from the Capital section to the Capital Reserves \$10,000.00.

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Total cuts to the above Accts **\$73,000**

Acct 4916 Expendable Trust Funds:

Town Buildings Improvements Total Cuts **\$60,500**
(Town Buildings Expendable Trust to be broken down as follows)

<input type="checkbox"/> Fire house Addition (Completion money)	\$6,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Steel Beam Work	\$2,500
<input type="checkbox"/> Town Hall, HD, & PD Emergency Lights	\$5,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Town Hall Archive Room Roof and interior work	\$3,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Renovations to Fire Station (old portion)	\$20,000

New Total to Expendable Trust **\$36,500**

Acct 4915 Capital Reserves:

Highway Equipment	\$10,000
Highway Trucks	\$15,000.
Library Technology	\$1,500
Municipal Land Acquisition	\$20,000
Smith Ball Field	\$5,000
Meeting House Restoration	\$2,000
Highway Expansion	\$5,000
Tax Maps	\$5,000
Fire Trucks	\$5,000

Total cut from Capital Reserves Funds **\$73,500**

Total cuts to Operating/Capital Budget **\$ 207,000**

Following a brief discussion, the Board of Selectmen agreed the Operating/Capital budget will be the same as last year with the exception of a 14 cent increase to cover the March's Pond Dam bond payment, making towards a target goal tax rate of \$6.25.

A brief discussion was held about the Land Conservation Committee's meeting at the library on Tuesday night.

Chair Rhoades stated there had been two requests for non-public meetings with the Board on Monday night. One request was from the Parks & Recreation Commission and the other request was from Town Mechanic, David Valladares.

After some discussion, the Board agreed that the Town would pay only for the mailbox of an individual. This will not include the labor or a sign.

Motion Peter Rhoades, second Ron Gehl to adjourn. Vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Zuzgo

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