

## **North Hampton Budget Committee Minutes**

7:00PM - 9:07PM

14 Nov 2001

Present: Homer Johnson, Ted Kopanski, Larry Miller, Jon Rineman, Robbie Robinson, Stuart Scharff, Lloyd Sullivan, Cynthia Swank

Absent: Henry Fuller

- 1) Approved minutes of 13 Nov 2001 meeting (unanimous).
- 2) Lloyd Sullivan reported that the Tax Collector revised some of her budget lines:
  - Mortgage research from \$2000 to \$1600
  - Registry of Deeds from \$750 to \$400
  - Phone from \$700 to \$600
  - Printing from \$1800 to \$1700
- 3) Brenda DeFelice, Recreation Department Director, presented the Recreation budget.
- 4) Rich Goeselt, Chair of the Library Trustees, presented the Library budget. The budget line representing health insurance will be revised upward to reflect the 30% increase the Town Administrator has been informed the Town can expect.
- 5) Henry Mixter, Chair of the Conservation Commission, presented the Conservation Commission budget. He requested that two lines (for office expense and for trail maintenance and signs) that read "Con Comm/NHNNH Forever" be amended to read "Con Comm" only.

North Hampton Forever's expenses will be funded from monies drawn down from the \$4,000,000 approved in last year's warrant article. Mixter distributed copies of a two year budget (July 1, 2001-June 20, 2003) for North Hampton Forever; Sullivan indicated that the Board of Selectmen would like the Budget Committee to be involved when the funding is obtained.

- 6) Laura Simmons, Chair of the Planning Board, made several observations and recommendations about the Planning Board budget the Committee had received.
  - Although the "Planning and Zoning secretary" salary and benefits appears in the Planning Board's portion of the Town's budget, the secretary is supervised by the TA and works for Code Enforcement and the Zoning Board of Appeals as well.
  - The Town's legal expenses appear in a separate category in the budget and legal expenses relating to land issues are not broken out. The Planning Board recommends that a line item appear in the Planning Board portion of the budget for legal fees and ordinance review of \$40,000.
  - The Planning Board recommends that the following changes be made to existing line

items: PZ Master Plan be changed to PZ CIP with no change in the amount; that PZ Printing be increased from \$1000 to \$2500 and that PZ Postage be increased from \$2500 to \$3500, both for community mailings.

· Simmons provided a copy of RSA 673:16 re staff and finances of local land use board, and will follow up with the Town's attorney, the NH Municipal Association, and the Board of Selectmen regarding the Planning Board's rights and responsibilities, and how best to implement changes in current practices.

Cynthia Swank  
Recorder