

Budget Committee:
David Peck, Chairman
Robert Copp
Mike Coutu, BOS Rep
Michael Golden
Bob Hamilton, LBH Rep
Jim Maggiore
Larry Miller
Jenifer Simmons
Kari Schmitz, School Rep

Final Minutes **Budget Committee Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, July 30, 2008 Town Library

Members attending: all except Copp and Miller

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Peck at 8:45 p.m.

Preceding the BudCom meeting was a presentation by New Hampshire Local Government Center.

Minutes from the July 7, 2008 BudCom meeting were reviewed with some revisions. Motion to approve minutes carried unanimously with Coutu abstaining (not present at meeting). The BudCom will continue to follow its policy of posting its draft minutes five days after the meeting on the town website. Next BudCom meeting will review the draft, making any necessary changes, vote on the minutes and subsequently post approved minutes on the town website.

The next agenda item was a public hearing for the proposed 2008/2009 Village District of Little Boar's Head presented by Bob Hamilton, LBH representative. Bob handed out a proposed budget schedule, showing prior year budget, actuals and proposed '08/'09 budget. The one change from prior years was to delete the LBH improvement line item from the operating budget (\$5000 last fiscal year) and set out as special warrant article. This improvement line item was a cumulative funding account intended for major capital

expenditures or other significant work, which totaled approximately \$46,000 as of this date. Approval of the warrant would bring the total to approximately \$51,000 with sidewalk repair/reconstruction the mostly likely use. After a brief discussion, Schmitz made a motion to approve the budget as presented (total \$15,500 and warrant for \$5,000), Peck seconded motion, which was unanimously approved.

Chairman Peck then handed out a proposed 2009/2010 budget calendar. The early handout was intended to meet the planning needs of the BOS and NHS boards. Coutu and Schmitz will get back to Peck if any changes are required to meet the key BOS and NHS board member's participation in the budget meetings.

General discussion then followed the published agenda on some of the possible improvements to the upcoming budget process, issues around the compressed budget cycle and the ability to spend time on some of the more complex issues, and discussion on the need for the project leaders to document their findings when working with the various town departments and organizations. To this end, Coutu will prepare a draft template for the content of such documentation.

Finally, Peck mentioned that the Capital Improvement Planning Committee will be looking for a volunteer from the BudCom, an issue to be brought up at a subsequent BudCom meeting.

There being no further business, Chairman Peck adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Michael Golden

Note: These minutes supersede the draft minutes previously issued for the July 30, 2008 BudCom meeting.