APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

February 8, 2007

Present:	Chairman Elaine Kelly Vice Chairman Rick Nieber Janice Hight Dan McInnis Lynne Winter
Absent:	Dale Rains

Also Present: Public Works Director Selectman Bakstran

Meeting called to order by Chairman at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room B.

<u>Minutes</u>

Motion was made by Janice Hight to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2007 Meeting. Motion was seconded by Dan McInnis and approved unanimously.

Overview of FY 2008 Municipal Budget

The Town Administrator provided an overview of the FY 2008 Budget.

The Committee discussed Health Insurance costs for FY 2008.

Budget Review – Public Works Department

The Committee received a presentation from the Public Works Director on the Public Works Department including the Highway Administration, Highway Construction and Maintenance, Snow and Ice, Cemetery, Trees and Park Budget Accounts, including Capital Improvement Projects for FY 2008.

The Committee received a presentation from the Public Works Director on the Water and Sewer Enterprise Funds' Budgets and Capital Improvement Projects for FY 2008.

Audiences, Petitions & Communications

Selectman Bakstran asked the Committee if they would be supportive of decreasing the use of Free Cash if additional revenue from State Aid was available. The Committee indicated support.

Selectman Bakstran indicated support for future cost allocation of costs for gasoline/diesel fuel, health insurance and benefit costs to Departments' Budgets, rather than Central Budgeting as suggested by the Town Administrator for future consideration.

Selectman Bakstran inquired as to the number of School/Town employees who do not have health insurance through the Town in light of the new State Health Care Program which takes effect 7/1/2007.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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