

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

March 27, 2007

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

Absent: Dale Rains

Meeting called to order by Chairman at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Janice Hight to approve the minutes of March 20, 2007; seconded by Dan McInnis; approved unanimously.

Budget Review – Treasurer/Collector

The Committee received a presentation from the Treasurer/Collector. Included was an overview of Debt Service and Benefits.

The Committee requested a list of Health Insurance Premiums. The Committee requested information on the percentage of employees eligible for Health Insurance and the percentage of employees who are enrolled in the Program.

Review and votes on Town Meeting Warrant Articles.

The Committee reviewed the Town Meeting Warrant and voted the following recommendations on the Budget/Warrant Articles for the 2007 Annual Town Meeting.

<u>Article</u>	<u>Motion</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Vote</u>
4	McInnis	Hight	Yes – Unanimous 4-0 (Chair did not vote)
5	Hight	Winter	Yes – Unanimous 4-0 (Chair did not vote)
6	Winter	Nieber	Yes – Unanimous 4-0 (Chair did not vote)
7	Deferred to next meeting		
8	Nieber	Winter	Yes – Unanimous 4-0 (Chair did not vote)
9	Nieber	Hight	Yes – Unanimous 4-0 (Chair did not vote)
10	Hight	McInnis	Yes – Unanimous 4-0 (Chair did not vote)
11	Hight	Nieber	Yes – Unanimous 4-0 (Chair did not vote)
12	McInnis	Hight	Yes – Unanimous 4-0 (Chair did not vote)
20	Deferred to next meeting		
21	Deferred to next meeting		
23	McInnis	Hight	Yes – Unanimous 4-0 (Chair did not vote)
24	Hight	Nieber	Yes – Unanimous 4-0 (Chair did not vote)

25	Hight	Nieber	Yes – Unanimous 4-0 (Chair did not vote)
26	Hight	Nieber	Yes – Unanimous 4-0 (Chair did not vote)
27	Nieber	Hight	Yes – Unanimous 4-0 (Chair did not vote)
28	Hight	McInnis	Yes – Unanimous 4-0 (Chair did not vote)
31-39	Deferred to next meeting		
42-45	Deferred to next meeting		

Committee Chair suggested including in the Committee’s Report definitions for Revolving Accounts and Enterprise Funds.

Discussion of Future Review of Service and Staffing Needs.

At the March 1, 2007 Committee Meeting, the Chair and Rick Nieber both suggested having presentations in the future on the needs of Municipal Departments related to staffing and service/program levels to consider a potential future Municipal Override to address such needs. In discussion, it was agreed such presentations would be of value next summer prior to preparation of the FY 2009 Budget.

The Committee further discussed this concept.

The Chair suggested drafting a letter to the Board of Selectmen to establish a working group/committee to review these issues. Motion was made by Rick Nieber and seconded by Janice Hight for discussion.

The Town Administrator reminded the Committee of their original discussion at the March 1, 2007 Meeting.

The Chair indicated not having interest in having presentations by the Departments. As an alternative, the Town Administrator suggested a Joint Meeting between the Committee and the Board of Selectmen to provide the Committee with the opportunity to share their thoughts and comments, rather than creation of a working group/committee.

No vote or action was taken on the Motion. The subject will be placed on an Agenda at a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.