

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

March 19, 2009

Present: Chairman Elaine Kelly
Janice Hight
Rick Nieber
Dan McInnis
Lynne Winter
Bob D'Amico

Also Present: Town Administrator John W. Coderre
Library Trustees Jane Clark and Lara Weaver
Library Director Jean Langley

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

Approval of minutes

Janice Hight moved to approve the minutes of March 12th; Rick Nieber seconded; all members voted in favor.

Departmental Budget Presentations

- Library Director Jean Langley reviewed the Library budget and provided a handout detailing the \$40,674 cut – a 6% reduction from FY09 (a 9% reduction from the Library's original FY10 budget request).
- The custodian position has been eliminated and outsourced. The Assistant Library Director position is not being filled, but \$25,000 in funds has been included in the contractual lines for temporary services.
- The Library Director indicated we are very close, but may lose State Aid in FY10 due to the reductions. FY10 State Aid is projected to be about \$15,000. The Town will be seeking a waiver and hopes to not lose State Aid.
- DPW Director Kara Buzanoski reviewed the DPW overall budget, which is down 8.2%. The Cemetery Superintendent position was eliminated. One Heavy Equipment Operator position is being held vacant, but some funding is included to hire additional seasonal help on a temporary basis.

The Committee discussed what other departments they would like to meet with at their April 2nd meeting, and settled on the Treasurer/Collector, Town Accountant and Senior Center Director.

The Committee requested copies of the Solid Waste Study Committee's Report, along with the Town Engineer's memo and comments.

The Committee also requested an update from the Town Planner and Building Inspector regarding the level of building activity and general economic development activity. The Town Administrator indicated that he would request a report for the Committee.

10:00 - Janice Hight moved to adjourn; Rick Nieber seconded; all members voted in favor.

Next meeting is April 2nd.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Coderre

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