



Town of Plaistow ♦ Budget Committee
145 Main Street ♦ Plaistow ♦ NH ♦ 03865

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, March 16, 2010

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:35 pm

PRESENT: Kristin Lewis Savage – Chair, Martha Sumner, Vice Chair,
Norman Bouchard, Michele Conte, Gayle Hamel, Tricia Holt,
Dan Hooper, Joyce Ingerson, Neal Morin, Ben Sadewicz – arrived 6:37pm,
Leona Stevens, Catherine Willis, John Sherman–Selectmen Rep.

Additional Attendee: Sean Fitzgerald, Town Manager and Lori Sadewicz, Finance Director

MINUTES:

Motion by M. Sumner to approve Minutes of January 12, 2010 as written.

2nd by T. Holt.

Vote: 11-0-1 (Absent: B. Sadewicz)

Abstain: L. Stevens

Motion by M. Sumner to approve Minutes of January 14, 2010 @ 6:32 pm as written.

2nd by T. Holt.

Vote: 11-0-1 (Absent: B. Sadewicz)

Abstain: L. Stevens

Motion by T. Holt to approve Minutes of January 14, 2010 @ 7:12 pm as written.

2nd by G. Hamel.

Vote: 11-0-1 (Absent: B. Sadewicz)

Abstain: L. Stevens

Motion by M. Sumner to approve Minutes of January 25, 2010 as written.

2nd by M. Conte.

Vote: 8-0-4 (Absent: B. Sadewicz)

Abstain: L. Stevens, G. Hamel, J. Ingerson, M. Sumner

Motion by T. Holt to approve Minutes of January 30, 2010 as written.

2nd by M. Sumner.

Vote: 11-0-2

Abstain: L. Stevens, D. Hooper

AGENDA:

K. Lewis Savage welcomed back Tricia Holt, Norm Bouchard and Neal Morin. She also welcomed new comer, Leona Stevens and asked Leona to say a few things about herself.

L. Stevens noted she has lived on Main Street for 9 years; gone to the Timberlane School; is on the Rec Commission and Friends of Rec; her husband is a mechanic; they have 3 kids and she was happy to be part of the Budget Committee.

Reorganization

a. Chair

Motion by D. Hooper to nominate K. Lewis Savage for Chair.

2nd by M. Sumner.

Vote 11-0-2

Abstain: J. Sherman and K. Lewis Savage

b. Vice-Chair

Motion by D. Hooper to nominate M. Sumner as Vice Chair.

2nd by B. Sadewicz.

Vote 11-0-2

Abstain: M. Sumner and J. Sherman

c. CIP representative (2 plus an alternate)

Representative: J. Ingerson

Representative: N. Bouchard

Alternate: Leona Stevens

d. Safety Complex Expansion Committee representatives (2)

Representative: M. Conte

Representative: J. Ingerson

Alternate: M. Sumner

e. Open Space (1) / Plaistow First Representative

J. Sherman noted there were no representatives needed from the Budget Committee, just Board of Selectmen and 6 committee members.

f. Recycling – if being resurrected

S. Fitzgerald discussed the committee has not convened yet but would do so in the near future.

Representative: G. Hamel

Representative: N. Morin

Representative: T. Holt

g. Training Coordinator

Representative: D. Hooper

M. Conte requested to have a review like the one Dan gave last year.

h. Any other new committees

K. Lewis Savage inquired if there were any other committees needing Budget Committee representation.

S. Fitzgerald noted there were no other committees needing Budget Committee representation.

Discuss Election Results

K. Lewis Savage thought it was great that the Operating Budget passed by a 2/3 vote. All Articles passed except for the Public Safety Complex, Feasibility Study and the Smith Property. She noted it was a tight year and people just didn't want to see money spent if they did not have to.

N. Morin discussed a tour of the Safety Complex building and letting more people see the facility to show them the deficiencies that are out there.

G. Hamel agreed with Neal.

S. Fitzgerald discussed the services that the Police can help with in the community.

Discuss upcoming meetings/schedule/handouts/training

K. Lewis Savage discussed handouts included in the Budget Committee's folders: Budget, Revenue and Town Meeting handout.

S. Fitzgerald noted the Town Meeting handout was the presentation that he and John Sherman presented on cable.

K. Lewis Savage noted it was great to have the cable channel revisit all items that pertained to the upcoming election.

S. Fitzgerald discussed the changes to Channel 17.

M. Sumner inquired about the Comcast contract.

J. Sherman discussed the cable contract and noted that it was just about finalized.

K. Lewis Savage discussed meeting with the Board of Selectmen Chairman and the Town Manager to get all on board and on the same schedule.

J. Sherman discussed the Budget Committee can drive the schedule. He suggested for the Budget Committee to set the schedule and then the Board of Selectmen could work from there. He discussed the Warrant Articles and when they start putting the Articles together and noted that the Draft Warrant Articles will work with the CIP.

Old Business:

None discussed.

New Business:

K. Lewis Savage noted Friends of Rec is having their 2nd Annual Spring Ball at the Plaistow Fish and Game on March 27 from 7pm-12 and tickets were \$15.

D. Hooper discussed schedules and adding to the agenda a 5 minute update from all persons who are on a committee to give an update to inform all about what is going on with that committee that they participate on. He also discussed watching the Deliberative Session and noted that he noticed that other committees do the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of their meeting and

inquired if the Budget Committee could do the same. He noted it was a nice start to the meetings.

All members were in agreement to the doing the Pledge of Allegiance and Budget Committee Members did the Pledge of Allegiance before adjourning their meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Audrey DeProspero