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**Budget Committee Minutes**  
**Town of Sandown, NH**

**Meeting Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2015**

**Type of Meeting: Public**

**Method of Notification: Public posting – Town Hall & Post Office**

**Meeting Location: Town Hall, Second Floor**

**Members Present** Tony Piemonte, Michael Costanzo, Cathy Gorman, Dean Webster and  
Cindy Buco (Selectman Ex-Officio)

**Not Present:** Lee Dube

**Recording Secretary:** Sue Reynolds

Vice Chairman Cathy Gorman called the meeting to order at 7:36pm.

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was done.

**The Government Buildings budget 4194 was put on the table for discussion.**

Lynne Blaisdell is presenting this budget.

Lynne said this budget was deferred from a previous meeting because at the end of the year sometimes the BOS vote to expend money in the budget for smaller projects instead of appropriating the money again next year. She explained the Equipment Maintenance line was reduced to \$4,750.00 and the Building Maintenance line was reduced to \$10,950.00. Lynne reminded the Budget Committee that usually the Building Maintenance line can be close to \$20,000.00 and it is really down this year. She said those are the only changes in this budget except for the 3% increase in the Payroll line for the custodian. Michael Costanzo asked where the money is for the new roof is located and Lynne said that will most likely be a warrant article for next year’s budget.

31 **Motion by** Tony Piemonte to accept the Government Buildings budget with Gross  
32 Expenses of \$78,323.00, Revenue of \$1,000.00 and Net Expenses of \$77,323.00 pending  
33 further review.

34 **Seconded by** Cindy Bucu.

35 **In Favor,** Dean Webster, Michael Costanzo, Cindy Bucu, Cathy Gorman and Tony  
36 Piemonte.

37 **Motion passes unanimously**

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39 **The Community Assistance budget 4445 was put on the table for discussion**

40 Lynne Blaisdell is presenting this budget.

41 Lynne said she has received about 20 applications this year, which is down from the 32

42 she received 2 years ago. She said she was able to reduce this budget by 12% and

43 doesn't recommend going much lower even though only 14% of the budget was

44 expended so far this year. Lynne reminded the Committee that this is the only budget

45 that they can over expend without permission of the DOR. Dean Webster asked where

46 the revenue comes from and Lynne said the community assistance is supposed to be paid

47 back but that doesn't always happen. Dean asked if only 14% of the budget is used what

48 happens to the rest and Lynne said the BOS can use it to offset taxes for the following

49 year or they can use it in this year's budget for outstanding items that need to be done.

50 **Motion by** Tony Piemonte to accept the Community Assistance budget with Gross

51 Expenses of \$9,521.00, Revenue of \$300.00 and Net Expenses of \$8,951.00 pending

52 further review.

53 **Seconded by** Cindy Bucu

54 **In Favor,** Dean Webster, Michael Costanzo, Cindy Bucu, Cathy Gorman and Tony

55 Piemonte.

56 **Motion passes unanimously**

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58 The Health and Human Services budget 4415 was put on the table for discussion

59 Lynne Blaisdell is presenting this budget.

60 Lynne explained that the requested amounts in this budget come from requests from the

61 individual organizations. She stated that RCCA is requesting \$5,643.00 but they help a

62 large number of residents in Sandown with fuel and shelter for the homeless and because  
63 of their provisions it helps to keep the local costs down. Cathy Gorman asked if Lynne  
64 knows how many Sandown residents have been served from the organizations and Lynne  
65 said there is documentation attached from all of the organizations. Cindy Buco asked if  
66 Lynne knows why the BOS voted to reduce Lamprey Healthcare and zero out Family  
67 Promise and Lynne said she wasn't at that meeting and doesn't know the reasoning  
68 behind the cut but she wanted the Committee to know that Lamprey Healthcare does a lot  
69 more than just give rides to seniors. She said they help a lot with medical coverage as  
70 well. Lynne said as far as Family Promise, she thinks this was cut because they haven't  
71 helped a family in Sandown. Lynne said Family Promise was ready to help 3 Sandown  
72 families in the past but when the time came the families decided this wasn't the program  
73 they wanted. Lynne said it was the family's choice not to use Family Promise, it was not  
74 that Family Promise isn't helping Sandown families. Michael Costanzo asked about the  
75 Child & Family Services line and why it is not in this year's budget and Cathy Gorman  
76 also mentioned the Child Advocacy Center not being there either. Lynne said she is not  
77 sure why they are not in the budget and she will check with Cheryl and let the Committee  
78 know.

79 **Motion by** Michael Costanzo to reduce the Lamprey Healthcare line to \$1,200.00 to  
80 match the BOS figures.

81 **Seconded by** Cindy Buco

82 **In Favor**, Dean Webster, Michael Costanzo, Cindy Buco, Cathy Gorman and Tony  
83 Piemonte.

84 **Motion passes unanimously**

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86 **Motion by** Tony Piemonte to zero the Family Promise line to match the BOS figures.

87 **Seconded by** Dean Webster

88 **In Favor**, Dean Webster, Michael Costanzo, Cindy Buco, Cathy Gorman and Tony  
89 Piemonte.

90 **Motion passes unanimously**

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92 **Motion by** Tony Piemonte to accept the Health & Human Services budget with Gross  
93 Expenses of \$18,622.00, Revenue of \$0.00 and Net Expenses of \$18,622.00 pending  
94 further review.

95 **Seconded by** Michael Costanzo

96 **In Favor**, Dean Webster, Michael Costanzo, Cindy Buco, Cathy Gorman and Tony  
97 Piemonte.

98 **Motion passes unanimously**

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100 Cathy Gorman said the last budget left to discuss this evening is the Benefits budget, but  
101 Cheryl wasn't in today to make the necessary changes prior to tonight's meeting and she  
102 is here to ask questions if needed. Cathy suggested putting this budget off until the next  
103 meeting and the Committee agreed.

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105 Cathy Gorman stated that because there are a few budgets left to discuss she suggested  
106 scheduling another meeting on January 6<sup>th</sup>, prior to the Public Hearing. The Committee  
107 agreed to this and at this meeting they will discuss the Benefits budget, the Recreation  
108 budget, and the Police budget. Lynne Blaisdell also said that there will be warrant  
109 articles ready to be reviewed at this time if the Committee would like to review them they  
110 can.

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112 Tony Piemonte thanked Lynne for a great job on the 3 budgets she presented this evening  
113 as they were all lower than last year.

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115 Cathy Gorman stated the next meeting will be Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 7:30 and  
116 the budgets that will be discussed are the Benefits, Recreation and Police.

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118 Motion by Michael Costanzo to adjourn.

119 Seconded by Cindy Buco.

120 Meeting adjourned at 8:30

121 Respectfully submitted,

122 Sue Reynolds