WOLFEBORO BUDGET COMMITTEE Public Hearing January 12, 2011 Minutes

<u>Members Present:</u> John MacDonald, Chairman, Scott Smith, Vice-Chairman, Dave Senecal, Selectmen's Representative, Brian Black, Jim Eisenhower, Allan Bailey, Frank Giebutowski, Bob Tougher, Members.

Member Absent: Robert Moholland, Member (excused).

<u>Staff Present:</u> Dave Owen, Town Manager, Pete Chamberlain, Finance Director, Lee Ann Keathley, Secretary.

Chairman MacDonald called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM at the Wolfeboro Inn Ballroom.

2011 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman MacDonald opened the public hearing.

John MacDonald reviewed the general guidelines for the 2011 budget. He also reviewed the following budgets; General Government (noting an overall decrease by \$30,635), Public Safety (noting an overall increase by \$29,435), Highway & Streets (noting an overall increase by \$39,331), Sanitation (noting an overall decrease by \$32,667), Health & Welfare (noting an overall increase by \$27,374), Culture & Recreation (noting an overall increase by \$29,943) and Economic Development (noting an overall decrease by \$4,978). He noted a general increase in debt service and operating transfers out to Sewer Fund by \$581,794 and a decrease in Capital Outlay items in the amount of \$4,952. He reviewed the Sewer, Water, Electric and Pop Whalen Funds. He stated the 2011 proposed budget is \$25,498,128. He questioned the General Fund percentage increase.

Pete Chamberlain replied 6.07%; noting 5.56% of such is related to the increase in debt service and operating transfers out to the Sewer Fund.

Referencing the Petition Warrant Article for another alternative to Town Hall, Jim Eisenhower questioned whether there would be discussion regarding the legal aspects of such and if the article is found not to be legal, would the article be removed from the warrant.

Linda Murray stated RSA 39 requires the BOS to place the article on the warrant whether it is deemed legal or not.

It was moved by Allan Bailey and seconded by Harold Parker to adopt and recommend the 2011 Town of Wolfeboro Budget in the amount of \$25,498,128. All members voted in favor (8-0). The motion passed.

It was moved by Harold Parker and seconded by Frank Giebutowski to continue the Wolfeboro Budget Committee Public Hearing to January 13, 2011. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, *Lee Ann Keathley* Lee Ann Keathley