

# WOLFEBORO BUDGET COMMITTEE

November 28, 2012

## Minutes

**Members Present:** John MacDonald, Chairman, Stan Stevens, Vice-Chairman, Dave Senecal, Selectmen's Representative, Harold Parker, Bob Tougher, John Burt, Matt Krause, Frank Giebutowski, Members.

**Members Absent:** Robert Moholland, Brian Black, Members (excused).

**Staff Present:** Dave Owen, Town Manager, Pete Chamberlain, Finance Director, Cindy Scott, Library Director, Stu Chase, Chief of Police, Dean Rondeau, Lieutenant, Wolfeboro Police Department, Ron Goodgame, Bob Copeland, Police Commissioners, Lee Ann Keathley, Secretary.

*Chairman MacDonald called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM at the Wolfeboro Inn Ballroom.*

Pete Chamberlain distributed a memo, dated 11/28/12, outlining the adjustments to the 2013 health and dental budget line items due to the change in coverage.

**It was moved by Stan Stevens and seconded by Harold Parker to accept the changes to the 100 & 200 series of the 2013 Budget, as outlined in the Finance Director's memo, dated 11/28/12. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.**

### **LIBRARY**

Frank Giebutowski questioned building maintenance.

John Sandeen stated the building is old; noting plumbing, electrical, boiler and lock issues.

Cindy Scott noted the Friends of Wolfeboro Library is spending between \$10,000 and \$15,000 per year which allows the 700 series to remain low (furniture, computers, etc.).

John MacDonald thanked the support of the Friends of Wolfeboro Library.

Referencing 820 (Professional Development) and 830 (Programs) line items, Cindy Scott stated the figures should be reversed; noting Professional Development should be \$1,100 and Programs should be \$600.

### **HEALTH OFFICER**

No changes.

### **ANIMAL CONTROL**

No changes.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Stu Chase stated the budget reflects a 2% COLA for nonunion personnel. He stated he believes the figure for hourly wages is not correct; noting the department request is \$221,313 however, the BOS and Town Manager's column states \$217,396.

**It was moved by John MacDonald and seconded by Harold Parker to increase Hourly Wages, 42990.114, from \$217,396 to \$221,313. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Stu Chase requested an increase for Other Purchasing Services and noted an increase in the cost for the management information system in the amount of \$105.

**It was moved by John MacDonald and seconded by Frank Giebutowski to increase Other Purchasing Services, 42990.390, from \$11,735 to \$11,840. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.**

## **POLICE**

Stu Chase stated the budget reflects a 2% COLA for nonunion personnel. He stated the department has two vehicles that are 11 years old and recommended the lease of 3 new vehicles through Irwin Ford.

John MacDonald asked when the Town will start paying for the grant police officer position.

Stu Chase replied 2015.

John MacDonald questioned the increase in hours for the police prosecutor.

Stu Chase stated there has been an increase in the number of arrests. He stated the prosecutor is funded for 30 hours per week however, he has been working 38 hours without compensation. He stated that if the hours were not increased from 30 to 35 hours per week, he would have to send a sergeant to assist the prosecutor; noting an increase in overtime costs.

Dean Rondeau stated as of 1/1/13, the officers will have a 14 day window time limit to get into court after a DWI arrest; noting an increase in the workload for both officers and the prosecutor.

John MacDonald questioned billing for services; noting the current prosecutor also prosecutes for the Sheriff's Department.

Stu Chase stated the prosecutor is averaging 6 hours per month for the Sheriff's Department.

John MacDonald asked if the increase in hours would be considered full time.

Stu Chase replied no, full time would consist of 40 hours.

John MacDonald expressed concern regarding a \$10,000 increase in pay. He asked if the figure includes the 2% COLA.

Stu Chase replied no, the amount would increase to \$69,994 as of 4/1/13.

**It was moved by John MacDonald and seconded by Stan Stevens to decrease Part Time Wages, 42100.117, specifically Prosecutor, from \$69,994 to \$66,983 (35 hours to 33 hours).**

*Discussion of motion:*

Bob Tougher stated he feels Chief Chase has established the need for the increase in hours. He stated the prosecutor should be compensated and opposes the motion.

Frank Giebutowski agreed with Mr. Tougher and verified Mr. MacDonald's issue is with the rate of pay and not the number of hours.

John MacDonald requested rates from Conway and Meredith be provided relative to the prosecutor pay scale.

**John MacDonald withdrew his motion pending receipt of requested information. Stan Stevens withdrew his second.**

Dean Rondeau stated crime will not decrease.

Frank Giebutowski requested an analysis of the types of crime and the number of crimes prosecuted over a five year period.

Ron Goodgame noted a considerable increase in accidents, DUI's and drug traffic offenses.

John Burt questioned summer salaries.

Stu Chase stated he is proposing a part time certified police officer for 12 weeks, 30 hours/week, 6 hours per day.

John MacDonald stated he spoke to Mary DeVries, Chamber of Commerce, regarding such and noted the Chamber of Commerce supports the proposal of a part time police officer.

The Budget Committee has requested additional information for the following (for 12/11/12 meeting);

- **Police;** analysis of the types of crime & the number of crimes prosecuted over a 5-year period
- **Police;** rates from Conway and Meredith be provided relative to the prosecutor pay scale.

**It was moved by John Burt and seconded by Frank Giebutowski to adjourn the November 28, 2012 Budget Committee meeting. All members voted in favor.**

*Budget Committee meeting scheduled for November 29, 2012 at the Wolfeboro Inn Ballroom, 6:00 PM.*

*There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.*

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Lee Ann Keathley*  
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