

Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 2, 2009

7:00pm Town Hall

Vice Chairman John Lamson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Present: Vice Chr John Lamson, Tom Benson, Russell Cooke, School Board Rep David Mueller, Selectmen's Rep Jan Stuart, Liz Taccetta, Gail Klanchesser, Conservation Committee Chr. Justin Richardson, Langdon Library Trustees Dot Noseworthy and Luanne O'Reilly, Planning Board Chr. Denis Hebert, Recreations Chr. Pete MacDonald and members Chris Bellmare, Tom Rossi, Brian Haberstroh, Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, and Jack O'Reilly.
(Budget Committee Members absent: Chr. Larry Wahl, Gail Pare, Darin Sabine and Anne Holliday)

Minute Approval - September 16, 2009 - ***G Klanchesser moved to approve the minutes of Sept 16, 2009 with T Benson seconding.*** Ms. Klanchesser asked that the Departmental headings be listed in the minutes for clarity.
Motion passed with amendment by majority vote.

Selectmen's Representative Jan Stuart read the following into the record. "You all received an email from one of our members this week with comments about the budgets to be considered tonight. Unfortunately, that member chose to include comments regarding concerns about a town employee. These comments should have been addressed to the selectmen in a separate forum."

On advice from a town attorney this email is now public record pursuant to RSA 91-A: 1-a III. However, since this record contains personnel matters, those particular comments will be redacted (covered with a heavy black marker) in accordance with RSA 91-A: 5, IV, to protect the privacy concerns of the employee. Then the document can be placed on file as required by law.

The Board of Selectmen would like to remind this board and will remind all others that concerns over a town employee's performance should be discussed in a **properly posted and conducted non-public session** preferably with the body that has jurisdiction over that employee. In this case it would be the Board of Selectmen. Since the Board already has this document, further referral is not required."

"I would also recommend that this letter be part of the record as well showing the Selectmen do not condone portions of that e-mail" said Selectman Stuart.

Conservation Commission – ***G Klanchesser moved to tentatively recommend the Conservation Commission's 2010 budget of \$14,701. J Stuart seconded.*** J. Richardson, Chairman noted that their budget continues to decrease annually. Various account item lines were discussed.

- He asks that whatever remains in his budget be encumbered for Legal as they continue to hold a retainer with Baldwin, Callen and Ransom for ongoing litigation regarding wetland issues.

V. Chr. Lamson called for the vote – the motion passed unanimously.

Langdon Library – ***G Klanchesser moved to tentatively recommend the Library 2010 budget of \$ 98,270. Seconded by R Cooke.*** Trustee D. Noseworthy spoke to the budget and addressed several questions. For 2010 they hope to address a space need by installing shelving but cautions that in 2011, they will probably be asking for funding a new roof. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

Recreation Committee – G Klanchesser moved to tentatively recommend the Recreation 2010 budget of \$53,625 with T Benson seconding. Chris Bellmare spoke on behalf of Rec indicating that they would offer a further amended budget request totaling \$6,200. With this economic crunch upon us all, Rec stated that their committee concentrated on absolute need until the times improved. He went on to say that some items should not be under their department such as movie tickets or the YMCA program. As far as the \$6,200, that would be for general maintenance of the fields. Top three programs of importance were a) Summer Program, b) Movie Tickets C) Voucher Program. After a discussion regarding the possibility of other departments not picking certain programs up, both the Budget Committee and Recreation Committee came to the conclusion that the programs would stay under Recreation but the bottom line would change to \$44,925. General Supplies \$700; Voucher Program \$2,000; Activies \$300; Summer Program \$27,025; Movie Passes \$4,100; September Fest \$3,100; Holiday Light Party 1,500; General Maintenance \$6,200. **Motion passed 6-1 with amendment - Opposed (R.Cooke) at \$ 44,925**

Planning Board – G Klanchesser moved to tentatively recommend the Planning Brd budget of \$ 138,330 with D Mueller seconding. Denis Hebert represented the Planning Board stating that the employee costs are actually under the Board of Selectmen.

- Legal is backed up by the General Government Budget if so needed and approved by the Selectmen.
- Town Planner is full time serving the Planning Board, ZBA and Conservation Commission.
- Computer Expense line should cover the system change over in 2010.
- Planning expects costs for reproducing the Master Plan (printing and supplies) to go up in 2010.
- GIS will be annual budget item which will cover updates and support.

After further discussion, **the motion passed unanimously at \$138,330**

Denis thanked the budget committee for all their hard work.

Discussed e-mail policy for those 'sent in advance of meeting'.

G Klanchesser moved to adjourn. R Cooke seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (at approx 8:33 pm)

Respectfully Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi

Administrative Assistant