

Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 14, 2011
Town Hall 7:00pm

Chr. Lamson called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

Present: Chairman John Lamson, Vice Chair Gail Klanchesser, members Gail Pare, Sandra Sweeney, Mary Crossley, Selectmen's Rep Jack O'Reilly, School Board Rep Dave Mueller, Representing the Cemetery: Peg Lamson and Charlie Brewster, Representing Highway Road Agent Len Thomas, and AA Bea Marconi.

Minute Approval: *VC G Klanchesser moved to accept the minutes of December 7, 2011 with amendment. J. O'Reilly seconded the minutes with amendment* (add the words 'landscaping program at the end of paragraph 1 on page 2). ***Motion passed 6-0-1*** with G. Pare abstaining.

2012 Budget Presentations

Cemetery Committee Budget Request for 2012: Requested \$ 20,450 - ***VC G.K. moved to recommend the amount of \$ 20,450. Seconded G Pare. Motion passed 7-0.*** Before the vote was taken, Charlie Brewster presented the budget. Regarding contractual maintenance costs, a proposal will soon be coming and if there is a substantial cost adjustment to be made, it could be made at the public hearing. *Chr. Lamson spoke of income and how expenses from outside sources must be shown on the budget. Wages were discussed and if charges are made against the cemetery when work is performed for them by other departments such as highway. They have a proposal from Urban tree for 2012 in the amount of \$1,000.

Highway Budget Request for 2012: Requested \$ 469,225 – Amended to \$ 473,325. ***VC G. Klanchesser moved to recommend the amended amount of \$ 473,325 with G. Pare seconding with amendment. Motion passed 7-0.*** Before the vote was taken, Road Agent Len Thomas presented the budget. VC G. Klanchesser asked about the C.O.L.A. for part timer highway staff or stipends. S. Rep J. O'Reilly noted the Selectmen felt a 50 cent p/hr raise for the HW crew could be absorbed in what was budgeted last year. The budget committee voted to add the wage costs (\$2,800) and adjust Fica (\$300) on their proposed budget therefore raising the bottom line to \$ 472,325. Also, ***VC G Klanchesser moved for the Budget Committee to adjust the fuel line upward \$1,000 as it looked underfunded even with the fuel log adjustments yet to be made. G. Pare seconded.*** Road Striping was increased as this is the year the entire town is done, vs only half every other year. There was a brief discussion about the Patterson Lane Boat ramp and the land planned on being used for parking. There was also discussion on paving projects and if anything was pending. S R J. O'Reilly noted that the cement pads at the transfer station were in and yet to be paid for and that would come out of the paving line.

At 7:42, VC Gail Klanchesser moved to adjourn with Gail Pare seconding – said motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant

*(amended 1/4/2012 to read: 'Chr. Lamson spoke of how costs, even if funded from outside sources, must be shown on the budget')