

Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 6, 2010
Town Hall 7:00pm

Chairman Larry Wahl called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Present: Chr. Larry Wahl, Darin Sabine, Gail Klanchesser, John Lamson, Russ Cooke, Selectmen's Rep Jan Stuart, Tom Benson, Dave Mueller, Liz Taccetta and Admin Asst Beatrice Marconi. Members absent were Anne Holliday and Gail Pare. Also in the audience were Police Chief Jon Tretter, Commissioners Doug Ross, Jackson Hoyt and Norman Kent. Mike Marconi and Denis Hebert of the Planning Board were there as well as 3 people in the general audience who were there to speak to the Planning Board's sign request.

Minute Approval: G.Klanchesser moved to accept the minutes of December 9, 2009. J.Stuart seconded. Motion passed. (*L Taccetta arriving at 7:05*)

Chr. Wahl handed out the 2011 budget committee schedule which was approved.

Planning Board Sign Request

At BudCom's last meeting, the Highway budget 2010 request was reduced by \$8,000 until such a time that members from the Planning Board speak to the sign funding (for five key sites). Mike Marconi and Denis Hebert of the Planning Brd gave a presentation regarding the need (to help reduce truck traffic in the residential area) and how their plans include the businesses to eventually fund.

G.Klanchesser moved to increase the Highway budget by \$8,000 over what was tentatively approved. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 8-0. (*fyi The Highway Budget now stands tentatively recommended at \$567,475*)

Police Department 2010 Budget Request

GKlanchesser moved to tentatively recommend a Police Dept budget of \$ 1,274,249. T Benson seconded. Salaries: zero cost of living – no step increases. However, steps are being awarded at the town employee level and at the Fire Dept. Discussion ensued regarding a uniform step system.

J Lamson moved to add the standard steps back into the Police Budget for consistency reasons (be they all awarded or not all awarded). D Sabine seconded. Motion passed. Chief Tretter will make the necessary adjustments to the effected lines.

- Equipment Lease – Increase is for new copier and postage meter.
- Vests – are recommended to be replaced every 5 years and they make every effort to stay close to this manufacturer's recommendation
- Misc Line – This expense was for the speed trailer.

G Klanchesser moved to amend her motion to tentatively approve and to table the budget vote until next week with revised numbers. D Sabine seconded. Motion passed on the amendment and vote.

At 8:05pm, J. Lamson moved to adjourn with J. Stuart seconding. Motion passed

Respectively Submitted

Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Assistant