

**Newington Budget Committee Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 13, 2010 7:00pm Town Hall**

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

**Present:** Chr. Wahl, Vice Chr John Lamson, Gail Pare, Russ Cooke, Darin Sabine, Selectmen's Rep Jan Stuart, School Board Rep Dave Mueller, Tom Benson, Liz Taccetta, Gail Klanchesser (*at 7:15*). **Absent:** Anne Holliday. **Also present were:** Police Chief Jon Tretter and Commissioner Jackson Hoyt. Fire Chief Roy Greenleaf and Asst Chief Dale Sylvia accompanied by Engineers Wib Goins and Ruth Fletcher. Andrew Head and Jon March were also in attendance.

**Minute Approval:** The minutes of January 6, 2010 were moved to approve and seconded. Motion passed with G. Pare abstaining.

**Police Department 2010 Budget Request Revisit - \$1,291,002**

***G.Pare moved to tentatively approve the revised Police Dept budget request of \$1,291,002 with J Lamson seconding.*** This new figure represents the employee costs for adding the Police Dept steps into their budget. There was a brief discussion about the uniforms allowance line, the two cruisers being asked for out of Cap Out Lay. ***Chr. Wahl called for the vote and the motion passed.***

**Fire Department 2010 Budget Request - \$ 1,279,740**

***G.Pare moved to tentatively approve the Fire Department 2010 budget request of \$ 1,279,740. T Benson seconded.***

- Salary Line down due to medical absences and personnel issues
- Clerical Line down due to personnel change and current medical leave
- Call Personnel –Currently there are 6 in the pool, however only 2 are qualified for shift work to do training.
- Over Time is annually set by utilizing the 'best guess' method
- Health and Retirement lines are locally uncontrolled and both showed an increase for 2K10.
- Ambulance billing brought in approx \$47,000 with more to book
- Equipment Lease – 12 leads and copier
- Radio Maint – over spent in 2009 due to form 4 cards and purchasing of pagers and radio room overhaul.
- Call Uniforms line actually was funded for \$2,000 although report shows otherwise.
- Equip Purchase line was not funded in 2009 so those purchases will be moved. Chr. Wahl asked for a list of what they were. Asst. Chf. Sylvia also noted that several items were purchased recently which have not yet reached the system ie: flammable storage, pressure washer, tools, equipment, Rolling rack. He added that they anticipated approx \$27,000 will be turned back.
- Vehicle Maint – 2010 marks the year for the special test on the ladder truck
- Alarm – The Fire Dept expect the alarm box upgrade to be complete by Spring 2011.
- Vehicle Fuel – although minimal was spent in 2009, the department expects costs per gal to rise in 2010.

***Chairman Wahl called for the vote, the motion passed with Darin Sabine abstaining.***

***With that, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed at 8:05pm***

Respectively Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi  
Administrative Assistant