

Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 8, 2010
Town Hall 7:00pm

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

Present: Chr. John Lamson, Vice Chair Gail Klanchesser, members Russ Cooke, School Rep Dave Mueller and Selectmen's Rep Jack O'Reilly. Also in attendance: Beatrice Marconi Administrative Assistant, Representing HDC is Paul Pellitier, Representing the Cemetery is Cliff Abbott and Charlie Brewster, Len Thomas Road Agent, and Skip Cole and Geo. Fletcher representing the Sewer Commission.

Absent: Gail Pare, Liz Taccetta, Larry Wahl, and Darin Sabine.

2012 Budget Committee Schedule

Chr. Lamson presented his suggestions on a Budget Committee Schedule for next year modeled after the format used this year. The AA was asked to document it and distribute. (attached) **VC G Klanchesser moved to approve the proposed 2012 budget schedule-seconded by Dave Mueller. Motion passed 5-0.**

Cemetery Budget: Requested \$19,650 - Motion passed 5/0 *(these minutes amended see Jan 5 2011 minutes)* **VC G Klanchesser moved to tentatively recommend the Cemetery Committee's 2011 budget request of \$ 19,650. R Cooke seconded.** The Cemetery budget as presented by Cliff Abbott and Charlie Brewster was amended to \$22,450 by the committee after presentation to the Board of Selectmen. A legal line was added with a request of \$2,800 for cemetery issues. Mr. Abbott explained that issues with old lots often arose and the Committee would like those issues easily addressed. Selectmen's Rep J. O'Reilly noted that the Selectmen preferred to keep legal requests under the Board of Selectmen in order to have knowledge and control of legal funds and added that he felt the Budget Committee should send this budget's amendment back to the Board of Selectmen for review prior to acting on it. VC G Klanchesser asked about wages and stipends and questioned why the amount for wages last year was decreased by \$500 and stipends request was increased by \$500 and why the budget report did not reflect that information. The AA was asked to look into it. After discussion, Mr. Abbott felt his amendment should be withdrawn as J. O'Reilly stated that funds will be available under the Selectmen's General Legal line and when **Chr. Lamson called for a vote on the budget of \$ 19,650, it passed 5-0.**

Historic District Commission: – Requested \$ 3,500 – Motion passed 5-0.

VC G Klanchesser moved to tentatively recommend HDC's 2011 budget request of \$ 3,500. Russ Cooke seconded. Paul Pellitier, representing the HDC presented the budget. He noted the grant was self funding and if it doesn't come through, the budget will be less. **The motion passed 5-0.**

Sewer Commission: - Requested \$660,688 - Motion passed 5-0.

VC G Klanchesser moved to tentatively recommend the Sewer Commission budget request of \$ 660,688. Seconded by R. Cooke. Chr. George Fletcher and Skip Cole were there to present the budget. The biggest expense was the nitrate testing. The budget committee commended the commission in being proactive in testing the nitrates prior to any State or Federal mandates to address excessive levels. When asked if the commission expected and big expenses in the near future, Mr. Fletcher hoped that the nitrate results would not end up burdening the town with expensive cures. Contracts are negotiated in April and run May to May. Mr. Fletcher added that the Commission generally has a good idea of competitive costs. **The motion passed 5-0.**

Highway Budget: Requested \$ 478,675 - Motion passed 5-0

VC G Klanchesser moved to tentatively recommend the highway budget request of \$ 478,675. R Cooke seconded. Road Agent Len Thomas presented the budget.

Paving: J.O'Reilly stated that whatever is left unspent will be encumbered as two paving jobs have been awarded currently due in 2012. He noted that Beane and Airport were also in need of top coats. The paving schedule was reviewed. Shattuck, when it needs to be done, will be a major expense, thus the creation of the capital reserve for major road work.

Road Side Trimming: J. O'Reilly said that Urban Tree will be addressing the Selectmen late in the month and costs will be encumbered.

Equipment Purchases: \$20,000 requested for garage fit up

Road Salt: Not a lot has been bought due to lack of storage but once the salt shed is finished, we will stock up. ***Upon calling for a vote, the motion passed 5-0.***

VC GKlanchesser moved to adjourn at 7:48pm. J. O'Reilly seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectively Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi

Attachment

2012 Budget Calendar for Budget Committee

Date	Department/Committee
Wednesday, December 7, 2011 7:00pm	Library Trustees, Recreation Committee, Conservation Committee, and Planning Board
Wednesday, December 14, 2011 7:00pm	Cemetery Commission, Historic Commission, Sewer Commission, and Highway Dept
Wednesday, January 4, 2012 7:00pm	Police Department
Wednesday, January 11, 2012 7:00pm	Fire Department
Wednesday, January 18, 2012 7:00pm	School District
Wednesday, January 25, 2012 6:30pm	General Government
Saturday, February 4 1:00pm	Public Hearing on the Budgets
Tuesday, March 13	General Elections
Saturday, March 17	Town Meeting

All meetings are held at the Newington Town Hall 205 Nimble Hill Road, Newington NH

As with all budget committee meeting and budget reviews, the public is invited and welcome