

Budget Committee Minutes
10/07/2004

Members Present: Dick Hickok, Sue Greene, Phyllis Corrigan, Don Sibson, Bill Phillips, Diana Goodhue, Sean Murphy, Connie Grant, Bob Brent, Dennis Doten, Derek Tomlinson, John O'Brien

Phil Arel, Alice Boucher, and Kinney O'Rourke were also present.

After the pledge of allegiance, Phil presented an overview of the budget and then offered to answer questions from the Committee. They asked about the MRI study and were told that it would be available next week. The Town's wellness benefits were explained. There were several questions about the new wage scale and how it was developed. The Committee will be provided a copy of the new scale at their next meeting.

There was a discussion about the format for reviewing departmental budgets. The BC would like department managers to try to come on both the night of their working group review and the following week, when their budget will be initially decided. The working groups were reminded to contact their respective department managers to schedule a time to meet with them. All members were encouraged to read all the back up information provided by department managers so that they would be familiar with all budget requests. Members were reminded to contact the appropriate working group to get any questions on a particular department answered.

The BC was assured that they would have the default budget prior to the public hearing.

The Capital Improvement Plan and debt service schedule were pointed out and reviewed.

The next meeting is 10/14 at 6:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Shackett, Finance Director