

Budget Committee Minutes  
11/3/2005

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

Members Absent: Don Sibson, Diana Goodhue, Sean Murphy

After the pledge of allegiance, the Committee began by adopting the Selectmen's recommendation on the Police Department. (PC/CG/8-0)

The Committee discussed the police capital requests. Chief Markland and Sheldon Morgan answered questions on the radar trailer. A motion was made and failed, to recommend the Department's request of \$93,500 (DT/DD/3-5). The Committee recommended the Selectmen's request of \$85,500 (JO/SG/8-0).

The Committee discussed the fire department's budget. After much deliberation on the Overtime account, the committee recommended the Selectmen's request. (PC/BB/6-2)

During the discussion on the Fire Department's capital requests, it was agreed by the Finance Director and the Fire Chief that the matching portion of the SCBA grant would come from the 2005 budget so the 2006 request can be eliminated. The Committee recommended the request as submitted by the Selectmen for \$59,398 (DT/CG/6-2). A motion was made and passed to recommend to the Selectmen that the \$77,000 requested for the SCBA be transferred to a capital reserve account for the purchase of an ambulance in the future. (SG/BB/8-0-1)

Connie Grant reviewed the DPW Working Group form. Sheldon Morgan was present to answer questions as necessary. The major topics of discussion were the p/t recycling position and the value of buying a new Sewer truck compared to a used truck.

The Committee approved the minutes of the last meeting as corrected.

Dennis Doten thanked the Town Clerk for extending the office hours and informed the Committee of the excellent job Denise is doing. He also commended the DPW staff for their work during the floods.

The Chairman reminded the Committee that they may need to have a meeting on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, and they should keep their schedules open.

It was suggested that the Committee revisit the library project vote (\$10,000) to allow the Library Trustees to request a warrant article. Katherine Dormody will be invited to the next meeting as a courtesy.

The Committee decided that they will not need new current expenditure printouts for each meeting since the laptop is present and information can be provided if needed.

Derek Tomlinson brought up the COLA and suggested that a better way be utilized than to continue with a one month "snapshot". He suggested a rolling 6 or 12 month average be considered.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Shackett, Finance Director  
Asst. Town Administrator