

BUDGET COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 19, 2013

MEMORIAL BUILDING

7:00 P.M.

Budget Committee present: B. Manning, Ken Jacques, Jon Poston, George McCusker, Darrin Patten, Jeff Milne, Tim Cook, Bill Huntoon, and John Chiarella, Selectman Representative.

Others present: John Trachy, Brandt Denniston, Dick Kipperman, Leigh Callaway, Justin Hastings, Tim Julian, and Deb Coffin.

Fire Department members: Pete Lacaillade, Chief; Kevin Roberts, and Brian Putney.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll was called.

Minutes: Motion by Ken Jacques, seconded by Tim Cook to approved the February 12, 2013 minutes as written. Motion passed.

Warrant Articles were reviewed. (Warrant Articles below are for discussion purposes; they have been reviewed by the Department of Revenue but will be looked at by the DRA one more time before they are published).

Article 2

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to Ninety Nine Thousand Dollars (\$99,000) to purchase and equip a multi-use rescue vehicle for the Fire Department and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$99,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore, to appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Five Dollars (\$8,605) for the first year's payment.

Budget Committee voted to recommend: 8 in favor, 1 opposed (Bill Huntoon).

Article 3

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a three-year lease agreement for Thirty Five Thousand, Nine Hundred, Forty Dollars (\$35,940) (gross budget) for the purpose of leasing and equipping a police cruiser for the Police Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand, Six Hundred, Eighty Five Dollars (\$12,685) for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause.

Budget Committee voted to recommend: 7 in favor, 2 opposed (George McCusker, and Bill Huntoon).

Article 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for the purpose of supporting the Planning Board's effort to complete a comprehensive assessment of the Town's wetland regulations. This appropriation is contingent

upon receiving a grant from the New Hampshire Housing Finance Agency's Community Planning Grant Program in an amount up to \$30,000, with no amount to be raised by taxation.

Budget Committee voted unanimously to recommend.

Article 5

To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of up to Nineteen Thousand Dollars (\$19,000) for the purpose of steeple preservation and repair and painting windowsill at the Town Hall; this sum to come from the unreserved fund balance with no amount to be raised through taxation.

Budget Committee voted unanimously to recommend

Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) for deposit in the Old Home Day Expendable Trust Fund in accordance with RSA 31:19-a; with said funds to come from the unreserved fund balance with no amount to be raised from taxation; (this represents proceeds collected in 2012 by the Old Home Day Committee).

Budget Committee voted unanimously to recommend

Article 7**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of One Million, Two Hundred Thirty Three Thousand, Forty Five Dollars (\$1,233,045) for general municipal operations. This article does not include special or individual articles addressed.

Budget Committee approved the warrant article.

The Board then turned their attention to the Department of Revenue required Budget form MS-7. Appropriations for the operating budget were reviewed and supported. Estimated revenue projections were as recommended.

The Board discussed the unreserved fund balance. The Selectmen recommend maintaining the balance at a minimum of 10%.

Once the Department of Revenue has given final approval of the MS-7 and warrant articles, Board members will stop by the office to sign the final document.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by,
Janet Roberts

**** Addendum:** Due to the DRA adjustments to debt service and individual warrant article lines of the MS-7, the bottom line of the operating budget, Warrant Article 7 (shown above) is amended from the amount shown; to One Million, Two Hundred Thirteen Thousand, Seven Hundred and Fifty Five Dollars (\$1,213,755) for general municipal operations. The DRA has confirmed there is no need to rehear the budget as there were no changes to appropriation requests.