

Hill Budget Committee
Public Meeting Minutes
DATE: February 12, 2009

Members Present: Shaun Bresnahan (Chairman), Nancy Chaddock (Vice Chairman) Robert Dupuis (Secretary), John Lynch (Selectman), Shelly Henry (School Board), Rhonda Bucklin, Joseph Mahoney, Paul Meyerhoefer, Paula McDonough, Vickie Plante, George Robie & Rick Vincent.

Chairman Shaun Bresnahan called the Meeting for the Town Budget to order at 7:00 p.m. Shaun Bresnahan advised that the minutes for January 29, 2009, the minutes described as regular meeting, should be Public Hearings. After that change, a motion was made by Shaun Bresnahan and 2nd by Joseph Mahoney. Motion passed unanimously.

Shaun Bresnahan advised that the minutes for February 5, 2009, the minutes described as regular meeting, should be Public Hearings. After that change, a motion was made by Shaun Bresnahan and 2nd by Shaun Bresnahan. Motion passed unanimously.

Michael Stanley came before the Budget Committee and discussed the Ferrin Fund. The fund has lost a substantial amount of money within the last year. The value of the account on January 30, 2009 was \$549,768.33. We do not receive a penalty if we remove money from the account, but we have to pay a broker fee.

Desiree Mahurin advised that she has received information from the Commissioner of Revenue that the State of New Hampshire is planning substantial cuts in the State Budget. This will include monies to Towns and Cities in New Hampshire.

Shaun Bresnahan advised that he has talked with the school and they believe that the school rate will go down about 4 cents.

A discussion was held on how we wanted to proceed; if we wanted to go line by line or go section by section. It was decided that we would go section by section.

Line #	Title	2009 Proposal	2009 Budget Committee
4130	Executive	\$43,268.00	\$41,750.00
4140	Elec. Reg. & Vitl St. (Town Clerk)	\$46,404.00	\$42,943.00
4150	Fin. Admin – Tax Collector	\$5,620.00	\$5,620.00
4152	Revaluation of Property	\$12,970.00	\$12,970.00
4153	Legal Expenses	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
4155	Personal Admin	\$15,150.00	\$15,500.00
4191	Planning & Zoning	\$4,445.00	\$4,450.00
4194	General Govt. Buildings	\$26,384.00	\$26,384.00

4195	Cemeteries	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00
4196	Insurance	\$12,650.00	\$12,650.00
4210	Police	\$70,544.00	\$64,000.00
4215	Ambulance	\$17,931.00	\$17,931.00
4220	Fire	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
4290	Emergency Management	\$1,475.00	\$1,475.00
4312	Highways & Streets	\$255,902.00	\$255,902.00
4316	Street Lighting	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00
4319	Reconstructions of Highways	\$46,829.00	\$46,829.00
Total 4312 – 4319 Highways & Streets		\$306,331.00	\$306,331.00
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	\$75,477.00	\$75,477.00
4332	Water Service	\$123,532.00	\$123,532.00
4415	Health Agencies & Hospital	\$4,038.00	\$4,038.00
4440	Welfare	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
4520	Parks & Recreation	\$4,238.00	\$4,238.00
4550	Library	\$25,872.00	\$28,000.00
4583	Patriotic Purposes	\$800.00	\$800.00
4619	Conservation	\$400.00	\$175.00
4723	Interest on TAN	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Total		\$861,329.00	\$851,209.00

A hand count was taken for the bottom line on each line item.

The Budget Committee then reviewed the 2009 Proposed Warrant Articles. They are:

Fire Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$20,000.00
Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$20,000.00
Police Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$2,000.00
Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund	\$5,000.00
Road Improvements	\$20,000.00
Transfer Station	\$1,000.00

Wellhead Protection Capital Reserve Fund	\$1,000.00
Total	\$69,000.00

The Budget Committee changed the Police Equipment Capital Reserve Fund to \$1,500.00, and requested that the Selectmen add a warrant item to create a new Capital Reserve Fund. That is the Archival Record Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$500.00. The bottom line for the 2009 Proposed Warrant Articles did not change.

The vote was Yes 7 No 5, the article passed

The Warrant Article for the Borough Road Bridge is in two parts. The first is for \$1,365,000.00. \$1,092,000.00 (80%) to come from the State of New Hampshire, \$136,500.00 (10%) from the Bridge Repair & Replacement Expendable Trust Fund and \$136,500.00 (10%) from the Town of Bristol, N.H.

In the event the Town of Bristol does not pass a similar warrant article for this project: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,365,000.00 for the Borough Road Bridge, \$1,092,000.00 (80%) to come from the State of New Hampshire, \$174,000.00, from the Bridge Repair & Replacement Expendable Trust Fund and \$99,000.00 to be raise by taxes.

The vote was Yes 11 No 1, the article passed

To withdraw \$19,354.00 from the Ferrin Fund.

No vote was required on this article.

To put \$22,500 from unexpended fund balance (surplus) into the Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund.

The vote was Yes 11 No 1, the article passed

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$28,200 for a new cruiser. The sum to come from the Police Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, no funds to be raise by taxes.

The vote was Yes 11 No 0 and 1 abstain, the article passed

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$30,000.00 for a town wide cyclical update of properties and authorize the withdrawal of \$30,000.00 from the Revaluation of Properties Capital Reserve Fund.

The vote was Yes 12 No 0, the article passed

Town will raise and appropriate \$100,000 to purchase and equip a used fire engine and authorize the withdrawal of \$100,000.00 from the Fire Heavy Equipment capital reserve fund.

The vote was Yes 8 No 3, the article passed

The Budget Committee recommended \$1,614,200.00 in Special Warrant Articles.

The total appropriation from the Selectmen is \$2,475,529.00. The total appropriation from the Budget Committee is \$2,466,409.00.

The estimated amount to be raised by taxes from the Selectmen is \$365,364.00. The estimated amount to be raised by taxes from the Budget Committee is \$356,244.00.

The MS 7 was signed by members of the Budget Committee.

A motion was made by Shaun and seconded by Joseph Mahoney to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

Submitted by

Robert C. Dupuis Jr.
Secretary