

BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 3, 2010

Present:

Budget Committee: John Henne, Stan Judge, Bob Corrigan, Jackie Corrigan, Mike Brosnan

Others: Lucy Evans, Heidi Behling, Jo Carpenter, Ray Danforth, Tom Hayes, Peter Nickerson, Bill Davenport

Chair John Henne called the meeting to order and opened the public hearing at 7:10 PM.

It was agreed to go through the budget using the budget summary sheets. The Committee will give more details when asked.

Ray Danforth gave a presentation on the buildings energy audits that were recently performed on the town buildings. He said that the Board would like to use some of the \$20,000 that is being recommended be placed in the Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. Ray said that putting \$20,000 into this fund is good. He said that the Board will probably need $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ of this money to deal with the moisture problem in the basement area of the town hall and the energy audit.

Ray said that the plan is to lower the moisture level in this building by installing drainage and then monitoring the moisture level. If the level is still too high a vapor barrier would be installed and then a dehumidifying system. Ray said once this is under control then the Board needs to begin work on the list of \$18,000+ worth of projects detailed in the energy audit report.

Stan described earlier energy problems that led to the Board performing the energy audit.

Tom asked how much of the crawl space needs to be filled in. Ray explained that there are three areas under the buildings that need to be worked on. He said that sand/gravel from the Transfer Station can be used. Ken has figured out a way to get the fill in.

Jo explained the use of the \$13,700 from the Land Use Change fund to offset raising and appropriating \$20,000 for the Building Maintenance Expendable Trust.

Peter Nickerson spoke for the Fire Department about purchasing a new truck for the Fire Department. He said that the Department would like to update its equipment. Peter said that the American LaFrance is only pumping 500 gals a minute instead of the normal 1,000 gallons per minute. Peter said that he was told the pumper is obsolete so the parts are not available.

John Henne asked if the Fire Department has a long-term plan for equipment replacement. Chief Tom Hayes said that the Department needs money before they can have a plan.

Stan said that he has met with the Fire Department to discuss budgeting issues.

John Henne and Stan Judge explained what the Selectpersons are looking for in a plan.

Bill Davenport said that the Fire Department is trying to get a grant to help fund the purchase of a new truck.

Jo reported that Ken has decided not to replace the forklift at the Transfer Station this year.

The public hearing was closed at 8:18 PM.

John Henne made a motion to accept the budget as presented. This motion was seconded by Stan Judge and passed unanimously.

The Budget forms were signed by the Budget Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.