

APPROVED
RANDOLPH BUDGET COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

Date: 11/25/2008

Time: 6:37 p.m.

Location: Ayers Brook building

Attending: Judith Soules, Michael Penrod, Larry Townsend, John Clough, Gary Champy, Ken Roger of the White River Valley Ambulance

Absent: Carol Flint

1. Approved 11/20/2008 minutes .

2. Gary and John stated that there is approximately \$560,000 in the landfill account and no funds will be taken out for the 2010 budget. John said that the town has an extra \$100,000 to use for the 2010 budget due to the bridge project coming in under budget.

3. Reviewed proposed White River Valley Ambulance budget.

- * Gary proposed that a zone charge be used rather than a milage fee, Ken said that he would look into the possibility.

- * Larry stated that non-collectables looked high and Ken explained that part was due to start up problems since Gifford has taken over the billing for WRVA and part was due to recounting old uncollectables.

- * Non transfers are a problem and cost a lot. Many calls to Randolph House. Ken to let committee know break down of numbers. Need to explore ways to get numbers down.

- * 911 calls go through the state police and ambulance can be sent on a non medical call. There is no coordination with police. Gary to talk to chief about establishing communication.

- * Salaries are down due to not filling two positions.

- * Can't really reduce fixed costs any more. Need to find more revenue.

Ken said that they were going to promote the membership more and increase education. Gary to explore volunteers with VTC. Judy asked Ken to look into charging for non-transfer calls with the board.

- * Larry complimented Ken on budget and suggested that the town could help cash flow by paying in 8 installments rather than 12.

4. Reviewed proposed Special Appropriations budget.

- * Because of new select board rule on petitions for special appropriations the budget committee has no authority to question requests or how the petitioners spend their money. Committee can make recommendations to the board.

- * Larry will convey to the select board that accountability of Special

Appropriations is the responsibility of the select board not the budget committee.

Next meeting : 12/04/2008 at Ayers Brook building at 6:30 to review proposed Highway budget.

Meeting adjourned 8:05 p.m.