

APPROVED
RANDOLPH BUDGET COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

Date: 11/20/2008

Time: 6:34 p.m.

Location: Ayers Brook building

Attending: Judith Soules, Michael Penrod, John Clough, Gary Champy (High school students: John White, Sam Lyon, Jay Beacio)

Absent: Carol Flint, Larry Townsend

1. Approved 11/13/2008 minutes .
2. Gary confirmed that some of the \$70,000 salary from the Dir. of public works position will be used to hire an Asst. Highway Forman sonot all of the money will be available to help level fund the 2010 budget.
 - * Gary stated that the 2010 capitol budget will have to be reduced by \$200,000 because we can only take \$50,000 out of the landfill, not \$250,000 as in the past.
 - * We will not spend any money on the current municipal bldg. and assume that the new one will be built next summer! Likewise with the sewer plant that will probably be replaced in 4-5 years.
 - * Gary and John stated that health insurance could go up 21% next year and they will look into alternatives.
3. Reviewed proposed Sewer budget.
 - * Revenues are down and could be caused by conservation and/or bad meters.
 - * Opt-out on health insurance has helped reduce our costs.
 - * Gary asked the company that proposed a compostion operation at the land fill for a written proposal but none has been received.
4. Reviewed proposed water budget.
 - * Budget looks good. Some discussion on replacing defective meters but they are \$200 each and old meters have to be tested in a controlled environment, which means taking them out to test. Maybe some sort of program could be developed to rotate oldest meters and use the ones that test ok, still means man hours.
5. Reviewed proposed police budget.
 - * Professional liability insurance is going up and \$7,000 in proposed budget is just a guess, will revise when more info. is available.
 - * The department is making over 1400 calls / year and the public needs top know. Maybe chief could present to the select board quarterly and

the newspaper could cover.

- * To level fund the department we will either need to reduce head count or services, or both.

Next meeting : 11/25/2008 at Ayers Brook building at 6:30 to review proposed Ambulance and Special Appropriations budgets.

Meeting adjourned 7:34 p.m.