

APPROVED  
RANDOLPH BUDGET COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes

Date: 11/06/2008

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Ayers Brook Building

Attending: Judith Soules, Michael Penrod, John Clough, Gary Champy, Pat French

Absent: Carol Flint, Larry Townsend

1. Approved 10/0608 minutes.
2. Changed agenda , will review cemetery budget rather than town clerk.
3. Discussed relationship between budget committee and capitol budget comm. Two committees will not meet but will work through Gary to resolve two budgets. John and Gary stated that debt load should be in the general fund and not in the capitol budget as is currently done and needs to be changed.
4. Highway will be a separate meeting on Dec 4 after a complete budget is put together that is realistic and covers cost of sand etc.
5. Cost savings of \$30,000 and 70,000 should be planned on in the lister area and facilities manager position that will not be filled. Gary wants to look at savings in cemetery and down the road would like to combine cemetery and recreation.
6. Zoning will be zero funded to 08 actual of \$36,917. John thinks that revenues will stay up in the future in this area.
7. Administration. \* Don't want to tie all nonunion employees to results of union negotiations.  
\*John will provide everyone on comm. with a list of all people in all departments.  
\*Health insurance did not really go up from \$24,135 to 55,600 but was accounted for in another area and is now correctly accounted for. John does look for substantial increases in insurance and he and Gary are looking at other options.  
\*Everyone questioned questioned computer costs in proposed budget. Need to get more input and see what can be done with current equipment. Judy had gone through similar situation at her work and with outside help was able to save a lot of money. Gary knows someone that might be able to help and will contact them.

\*Do not want to transfer more than \$50,000 out of the land fill account because the state has changed the rule on monitoring from 20 to 30 years.

8. Pat French joins meeting at 7:40 and reported on expected revenues for next year.

\* Last year PILOT was budgeted at \$225,000 and actual was \$305,000.

\* Pat suggests we use \$300,000 for '10 budget. Randolph is 3rd highest receiver in VT. Only Burlington and Montpelier receive more.

\* PILOT Clara Martin was \$6,963 for the General Fund and \$2,200 for police. Use these numbers for next year's budget.

\* Current use/hold harmless generated \$122,885 for this year, \$136,000 for the General Fund, and \$1,387 for police.

\* Grand list. Use current list, increase not anticipated. \$416,000,000 for General Fund. \$143,700,000 for police.

\* Gary stated that we need to get debt load down.

9. Contract policing. \$8,000 is going to the Sheriff's department. Gary suggests adding \$2,000 to this budget and reimbursing for police services from General Fund.

10. Public works. Was discussed. Can we use more volunteer workers? Some problems in doing that. Gary will look into doing this.

\* Look into reducing mowing contract and seasonal help. Gary will get back to committee on any reductions in cemetery budget.

Adjourned 8:27 pm