

RANDOLPH BUDGET COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

Date: 10-9-2008

Time: 6:39 PM

Location: Ayers Brook building

Attending: Carol Flint, Judith Soules, Michael Penrod, , Larry Townsend, John Clough

Absent: None

1. Approved 3/20/08 minutes with no changes.
2. Discussed tax cut Selectboard enacted. Bond for the Chandler is only bond we see coming and Larry said it might be delayed due to the current financial climate. Cash flow for the town is good. Town does business with Citizens Bank which is owned by the Royal Bank of Scotland which is not good.
3. Position of Public Works Dir. will not be filled for the foreseeable future and the the responsibilities for the position will be performed by the town manager. The salary for the position will be used to hire another field worker.
4. An proposal has been made to the Chandler to cap the amount of fuel that the town will buy at the 2002 level of 7700 gal. Anything above that will be bought by the Chandler.
5. Larry asked why we pay up front on line 3010-44 Member Green Mtn. Econ. Dev. Michael asked why we couldn't pay RACDC in 1/4 installments. John explained that we pay the bills as they come in and to pay in installments would cost more due to the time involved. John also explained that the reason for the expenses in the Advertising and Meetings was probably due to the Town Manager position but John will check.
6. Larry questioned the cost of Fire Dispatch on pg. 2. John said that it was due to the change to Barrie but will be less than Hartford would have been.
7. Carol questioned Social Security costs on pg. 5 and John explained that it was due to opt outs.
8. There was a discussion about the cemetery expenses and Carol suggested that a page be put in the Town Report that would show the income and expenses of the cemetery and the library. Larry suggested that we make a recommendation to the Selectboard. John will will do a summary page for last year as an example.

9. Special appropriations were discussed, pg. 9, and it was generally agreed that it didn't make a lot of sense since they can all be put on one petition.

10. Overtime, on page 10, was questioned and it was explained that we were down a person and had to cover them. Overtime on Police pg. 17 was questioned and it was explained that it was due to being down 2 people on head count, an ongoing problem and no good solution was suggested.

11. Water. Carol said that budget is high and it needs to be run like a co-op and not a profit center. Need to look at overall cost structure and make sure that fees are fair to the consumers. John Coffee and new manager will make this a priority .

12. Discussed next year's budget and the fact that the Selectboard will probably be looking for level funding. Carol and other members of the committee will go to the Oct. 21 Selectboard meeting and ask them what services they want to reduce or cut to make level funding.

8:44 Meeting adjourned.