

# TOWN OF SALISBURY

## Budget Committee Business Meeting Summary

January 11, 2010

Jeff McCandless, Chair	Present	Mary Heath	Present
Jeff Nangle,	Absent	Ed Sawyer	Present
Gene Shaw	Present	Joe Landry	Present
Gary Clark	Absent	Kathleen Doyle, Selectman Ex-Officio	Present
Sara (Sally) Jones	Present	Margaret Warren, Admin. Assistant	Present
Bill MacDuffie, Sr.	Present	April Rollin, Recording Secretary	Present

Other Selectmen Present: Ken Ross-Raymond.

General Public Present: None.

### Handouts for Meeting:

- 2009 Budget as of December 31, 2009 (*not final*)
- YTD Revenue 12/31/09 (*not final*)

Chairman McCandless opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**Review and approve the meeting minutes of December 14, 2009** – Joseph Landry made a **motion** to approve the meeting minutes of December 14, 2009 with Jeff Nangle changed to “absent”, Jeff McCandless changed to “present” and the word “better” removed from section #5. Gene Shaw **seconded** the motion. The **motion passed unanimously**.

### Update on Town Issues, Selectwomen Doyle

- 1) Pingree Bridge Update – Selectwomen Doyle informed the Budget Committee that easement deeds are being finalized before the bids are advertised. Panic Button – Gene Shaw asked what the status was for the installation of the proposed panic button for the Library. Selectwomen Doyle replied that Police Chief Frank Jones is researching the issue still.

**Review of YTD Revenue figures** – AA Warren noted that the revenue figures are not final and there is \$7,400 dollars to be added to the Motor Vehicle line for December. Chair McCandless asked if there were 2010 revenue estimates and AA Warren replied she would have the estimates ready for the Budget Hearing. Chair McCandless asked if the State’s Rooms & Meals revenue to the Town was eliminated and AA Warren replied the M&R revenue has been reduced not eliminated, but is waiting for a final figure from the State. Chair McCandless stated he feels the Town would see a decrease of \$30K-\$50K in revenue over last year.

**Review of YTD Budget figures** – AA Warren informed the Budget Committee that the Solid Waste Clean-up section (page #17) of the budget has seen an increase, due to newly implemented State requirements. Joseph Landry made a **motion** to approve the revisions to the Solid Waste Clean-up section of the budget and Bill MacDuffie **seconded** the motion. The **motion passed unanimously**. Gene Shaw asked if an additional estimate had been received for the work on the Forestry Truck (line #4220-65 - \$5,580 dollars) because he has spoken with someone from Colcord Auto Body that said they would do the work for \$2,500 dollars. Joseph Landry stated he would not get the bumper replaced because the truck is housed all the time. Selectwoman Doyle stated the original estimate was from a professional and the Forestry vehicle is a good truck to maintain. Joe Landry and Selectwoman Doyle both have looked at the vehicle. Selectwoman Doyle noted there is rust on the

back of the cab. Mary Heath asked why the repairs for vehicle are not in the Forestry section of the budget and AA Warren replied the line would be skewed. Selectwoman Doyle stated Chief Gilman is getting another estimate, the truck only has approximately 5,000 miles on it and it will go a lot longer. Gene Shaw made a **motion** to remove line item #4220-65 from the budget and Joseph Landry **seconded** the motion. The **motion passed**, Selectwoman Doyle was **opposed**. AA Warren will contact Chief Gilman regarding this issue and he will be asked to attend the 2/4/10 Public Hearing. Chair McCandless stated the Budget Committee would vote to approve the budget on 2/4 as well.

***Review of Warrant Articles for Town Meeting*** – The BC reviewed. AA Warren noted that Warrant Article #6, Dissolving – Library Bldg CRF, is incomplete but the NH DRA has provided sample language. Chair McCandless suggested wording the article to say, “end of this year plus interest”.

***Compensation Review Sub-Committee update*** – None at this time.

***Other Business*** – Chair McCandless stated the Tax Collector is reporting 91% of taxes have been collected to date. Chair McCandless noted that there are three vacancies for the Budget Committee and he would not be running again. Chair McCandless thanked the entire Committee for their support. Joe Landry stated Chair McCandless has provided a level of professionalism that hasn't been seen before and he will be missed.

***Remaining Scheduled Meeting Dates for 2010:***

- Public Hearing – Thursday, February 4, 2010

**Gene Shaw made a motion at 7:54 p.m. to adjourn; Ed Sawyer seconded. All voted in favor.**

Respectfully submitted: April Rollins, Recording Secretary