

TOWN OF SALISBURY

Budget Committee Business Meeting Summary

January 10, 2011

Jeff Nangle, Chair	Present	Mary Heath	Present
Joe Landry	Present	Sandy Miller	Present
Gene Shaw	Present	Ralph Downes	Present
Ed Sawyer	Absent/sick	Ken Ross-Raymond, Selectman Ex-Officio	Present
Sara (Sally) Jones	Present	Margaret Warren, Admin. Assistant	Present
Bill MacDuffie, Sr.	Present	April Rollins, Recording Secretary	Present

Other Selectmen Present: Selectman Laycox and Selectwoman Sheldon

General Public Present: Rick Sheldon

Handouts for Meeting:

- 2010 Budget & Revenue ending on 12/30/10 (not final)
- YTD Revenue 12/31/10 (almost final)
- Draft – Annual Report submission
- Draft - Warrant Articles

Jeff Nangle opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Review & Approve Minutes of December 13, 2010 – Sally Jones made a **motion** to approve the meeting minutes of December 13, 2010. Sandy Miller **seconded** the motion. The **motion passed unanimously**.

Update on Town Issues – Selectman Ross-Raymond –

Fire Department - Selectman Ross-Raymond stated he has been asked by Fire Chief Gilman to keep \$10,000 dollars in the outside ambulance service line (4215-07) that was proposed and noted that Rick Gilman has decided to stay on as the Chief. Selectman Ross-Raymond stated our Fire Department would not be contracting with Penacook Rescue except for during the weekdays but Salisbury would handle weekends & nights. Ralph Downes stated a meeting was held last Monday and there are EMTs in Town that can & will be responding but some restructuring is happening which would make himself a driver. Ralph Downes would like to see some money left in there for progression.

Joseph Landry made a **motion** to find the \$2,000 dollars of funding within the Fire Department's budget. **Discussion;** Chair Nangle noted this issue came up because the Town didn't think it was going to have a Fire Department. Ralph Downes noted that both departments are "toned" but if Salisbury can handle the call, Penacook turns around. The Budget Committee briefly discussed ambulance billing and will request that Fire Chief Gilman be at the Public hearing next month to discuss services. Bill MacDuffie **seconded** the motion and the **motion carried**.

Police Chief – Vacancy - Selectman Ross-Raymond informed the Budget Committee that the NH Local Government Center is handling all of the Police Chief applications and the submission deadline is January 21st.

Review of 2010 YTD Budget & Revenue Figures – Chair Nangle stated all of the Town’s Department Heads were asked to level fund their budgets or find a 2% salary increase within the operating budget. AA Warren noted there have been 2% increases for salary with the exception of Fire, Police and Transfer Station employees. Sandy Miller informed the Budget Committee that she was contacted by Kathleen Doyle that expressed her opposition to a 2% salary increase. Sandy Miller asked about the Treasurer’s salary and AA Warren replied the position has been changed from elected to appointed, which averaged out to \$6 dollars an hour but now will be \$15.50 dollars an hour. Selectman Ross-Raymond noted the 2% increase that was made is approximately \$3K. Chair Nangle noted Department Heads were asked to come in and request the salary increase.

The Budget Committee reviewed the adjustments made to the budget. Chair Nangle asked if the 2009 expended year to date column on the budget worksheets could be removed. AA Warren replied she would try.

Executive (4130) – Mary Heath made a **motion** to accept the Executive budget \$82,782 dollars for consideration. Sally Jones **seconded** the motion and the **motion carried**. Gene Shaw & Sandy Miller were opposed.

Elections, Registrations & Vital Statistics (4140) – Joe Landry made a **motion** to accept the Department Head figure of \$19,600 dollars without the 2% salary increase. Ralph Downes **seconded** the motion and the **motion carried**.

Financial Administration (4150) – AA Warren noted that the TC Landry gave her a proposal in writing. Mary Heath made a **motion** to approve the Department Heads salary (\$76,768 dollars). Bill MacDuffie **seconded** the motion and the **motion carried**.

Planning & Zoning (4191) – Joe Landry made a **motion** to accept \$7,500 dollars for consideration. Mary Heath **seconded** the motion and the **motion carried**.

Building Inspection (4240) – Gene Shaw made **motion** to accept \$6,639 dollars for consideration. Ralph Downes **seconded** the motion and the **motion carried**.

Transfer Station (4324) – On Hold. Ed Sawyer will be asked to speak towards this budget.

Direct Assistance (4442) – Sandy Miller expressed concern with people taking advantage of the amount of direct assistance that is available and made a **motion** to keep the line at \$25K. Gene Shaw **seconded** the motion. AA warren noted the funds have very strict State guidelines in order to qualify for direct assistance from the Town. The **motion failed**. Direct Assistance will remain at \$31,712 dollars.

Chair Nangle noted the budget does not need to be approved tonight, in case changes need to be made at the Public Hearing on Thursday, February 3rd.

Proposed Warrant Articles – The Budget Committee reviewed.

Annual Report – Chair Nangle drafted a submission for the Town’s Annual Report with a few amendments to be made.

Scheduled Meeting Dates for 2011:

- ***February 3rd – Public Hearing on Town Budget @ 6:30***
- ***March – No Meeting***

- *April 11th*
- *May – No Meeting*
- *June 13th*
- *July & August – No Meetings*
- *September 12th*
- *October 24th*
- *November 14th*
- *December 12th*

Gene Shaw made a motion at 8:10 p.m. to adjourn; Joe Landry seconded. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted: April Rollins, Recording Secretary