

TOWN OF SALISBURY

Budget Committee Business Meeting Summary

September 12, 2011

Jeff Nangle, Chair	Present	Marcia Murphy	Present
Joe Landry, Vice Chair	Present	Sandy Miller	Present
Gene Shaw	Present	Ralph Downes	Present
Ed Sawyer	Present	Ken Ross-Raymond, Selectman Ex-Officio	Present
Sara (Sally) Jones	Present	Margaret Warren, Town Administrator	Present
Bill MacDuffie, Sr.	Absent	April Rollins, Municipal Secretary	Present

Other Selectmen Present: Selectwoman Sheldon, Selectman Ballou

General Public Present: Rick Gilman, Gayle Landry, Lorna Carlisle, Chuck Bodien, Melinda S. Flaten and Doug Grenier.

Handouts for Meeting:

- 2010 Budget & Revenue ending on 8/31/11

Jeff Nangle opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Review & Approve Minutes of June 13, 2011 – Ed Sawyer made a **motion** to approve the meeting minutes of June 13, 2011 without changes. Ralph Downes **seconded** the motion. The **motion passed unanimously**.

Capital Improvements Program – Tabled until the Planning Board has something to submit after their October 3, 2011 meeting.

Update on Town Issues – Selectman Ross-Raymond – ***Pingree Bridge***, Selectman Ross-Raymond reported that \$1,387,491 dollars has been spent to date with a balance of \$3,073 dollars that is currently being disputed. ***Shared Service/Central purchasing*** - Selectman Ross-Raymond informed the Budget Committee that the BOS has met with the towns of Andover, Webster & Boscawen and they are still in the discussion stage. ***Police*** - Selectman Ross-Raymond stated the BOS have a meeting with the town of Webster next Wednesday and they have a proposal. Selectman Ross-Raymond noted that one candidate had been interviewed but in the interim the State Police have been covering the 7-8 month gap. There have been #122 calls for service. Selectman Ross-Raymond stated he has spoken with the Troop Commander and they have been very willing to provide coverage.

Review of 2011 Budget & Revenue figures – Chair Nangle stated the budget is right in line and the revenue is down a little. Town Administrator (TA) Warren noted that State funds would not be received until the end of the year. Joe Landry stated the budget looks good with a lot of surplus in the legal and police sections. Tax Collector Landry noted she has collected 91% of the taxes to date. Planning Board, Vice Chair Grenier stated the PB's goal is the same budget as last year but it is too hard to predict how many applicants the PB will get. Tax Collector Landry asked if the Budget Committee is asking departments to hold the line or can they give raises. Chair Nangle replied that last year department heads were responsible for meeting their employee's needs and were asked to level fund their department budgets. Chair Nangle noted the Town does the best it can but the schools & the State are too unpredictable. Chair Nangle suggested departments try and level fund. Joe Landry state he feels the Town's employees should get raises but by finding the money within

their current budget with no increase per say. Building Inspector, Chuck Bodien informed the BC that he has seen an “up swing” in the number of building permits but there would be no change in his budget. Marcia Murphy noted Salisbury’s school tax rate might decrease by 0.865%.

Chair Nangle asked if the Town was going to receive any FEMA funds and TA Warren replied she is looking in to reimbursement for “prep-work”. TA Warren informed the Budget Committee that the Town has to have a plan on place to replace all of its signs, with bigger letters & more retro-reflectivity. Doug Grenier suggested selling the old signs on E-Bay or etc., to recuperate some of the costs. The committee briefly discussed the taxing of telecommunication’s telephone poles

Chair Nangle expressed his appreciation for the effort made last year and the year before by department heads but they cannot be “lax”. Selectman Ross-Raymond noted that an Education Committee was formed to review how the Town’s money was being spent.

Scheduled Meeting Dates for 2011:

- ***October 24th***
- ***November 14th***
- ***December 12th***

Jeff Nangle made a motion at 7:26 p.m. to adjourn; Ed Sawyer seconded. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted: April Rollins, Recording Secretary

(approved on 11/14/11)