

# TOWN OF SALISBURY

## Budget Committee Business Meeting Summary

February 9, 2012

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.	Present	April Rollins, Municipal Secretary	Present

**Other Selectmen Present:** Selectwoman Sheldon, Selectman Ballou

**General Public Present:** [Kathie Downes](#), Joseph Schmidl, Mary Heath, Gayle Landry, Rick Gilman and Jon Herbert

### **Handouts for Meeting:**

- 2010 Budget & Revenue ending on 12/31/11
- Warrant for the 2012 Annual Town Meeting - Addition
- Elected Positions Available for 2012

Chair Nangle opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

**Review & Approve Minutes of January 9, 2012** – Ken Ross-Raymond made a **motion** to approve the meeting minutes of January 9, 2012 with changes. Ed Sawyer **seconded** the motion. The **motion passed unanimously**.

### **Other Business to discuss before the Public Hearing**

- 1) Transfer Station (4324-20) – Ed Sawyer informed the budget committee that cost per trip is \$130 dollars per pull but now “Bestway” has added a fuel surcharge of \$8.75 dollars. Mr. Sawyer recommended the line be increased to \$14,430 from \$13,000 dollars. Mr. Sawyer noted the increases showed on last’s month statement. (4324-15) Mr. Sawyer recommended debris disposal should be increased to \$4,500 dollars because it has increased a lot. Mr. Sawyer stated fees have been discussed but there was no decisions made. Selectmen Ross-Raymond noted a fee increase was also discussed with the Recycling Committee and considered not justified at the time. Ralph Downes made a **motion** to accept the new budget total of \$84,863 dollars for the purposes of the Public Hearing. Bill MacDuffie **seconded** the motion and the **motion passed unanimously**.
- 2) Flood Control Revenue - Selectmen Ross-Raymond informed the committee that he has spoken with Senator Andy Sanborn regarding the decreased flood control revenue. Selectmen Ross-Raymond noted that if Senator Sanborn is not re-elected he would be contacting the new one.
- 3) Fire Department’s Re: Tahoe – Gene Shaw asked if the Fire Department’s request to use the Tahoe was accepted by the Board. Selectmen Ross-Raymond replied the issue had not been discussed yet.

**Public Hearing on the 2012 Budget** – Chair Nangle opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m. and thanked all of the members for their hard work

**Executive (4130)** – Sally Jones made a **motion** to accept the Executive budget at \$85,125 dollars, for the purposes of discussion during the Public Hearing. Ed Sawyer **seconded** the motion and the motion **passed unanimously**.

**Elections, Registrations and Vital Statistics (4140)** - Sally Jones made a **motion** to accept the Elections, Registrations and Vital Statistics budget at \$24,400 dollars, for the purposes of discussion during the Public Hearing. Ed Sawyer **seconded** the motion and the motion **passed unanimously**.

**Financial Administration (4150)** - Sally Jones made a **motion** to accept the Financial Administration budget at \$77,453 dollars, for the purposes of discussion during the Public Hearing. Ed Sawyer **seconded** the motion and the motion **passed unanimously**.

**Legal Expenses (4153)** - Ed Sawyer made a **motion** to accept the Legal Expenses budget at \$15,000 dollars, for the purposes of discussion during the Public Hearing. Bill MacDuffie **seconded** the motion and the motion **passed unanimously**.

**Personnel Administration (4155)** – Ralph Downes made a **motion** to accept the Personnel Administration budget at \$30,244 dollars, for the purposes of discussion during the Public Hearing. Bill MacDuffie **seconded** the motion and the motion **passed unanimously**.

**Planning & Zoning (4191)** - Ralph Downes made a **motion** to accept the Planning & Zoning budget at \$2,700 dollars, for the purposes of discussion during the Public Hearing. Ed Sawyer **seconded** the motion and the motion **passed unanimously**.

**General Government (4194)** - Ed Sawyer made a **motion** to accept the General Government budget at \$38,050 dollars, for the purposes of discussion during the Public Hearing. Gene Shaw **seconded** the motion and the motion **passed unanimously**.

**Cemeteries (4195)** - Gene Shaw made a **motion** to accept the Cemeteries budget at \$9,600 dollars, for the purposes of discussion during the Public Hearing. Ed Sawyer **seconded** the motion and the motion **passed unanimously**.

**Insurance (4196)** - Gene Shaw made a **motion** to accept the Insurance budget at \$20,388 dollars, for the purposes of discussion during the Public Hearing. Ralph Downes **seconded** the motion and the motion **passed unanimously**.

**Advertising & Assoc. Dues (4197)** - Sally Jones made a **motion** to accept the Advertising & Assoc. Dues budget at \$3,900 dollars, for the purposes of discussion during the Public Hearing. Ed Sawyer **seconded** the motion and the motion **passed unanimously**.

**Other General Government (4199)** - Ralph Downes made a **motion** to accept the Other General Government budget at \$800 dollars, for the purposes of discussion during the Public Hearing. Gene Shaw **seconded** the motion and the motion **passed unanimously**.

**Police (4210)** – Chair Nangle asked if there were changes made to this budget by the BOS and Ken Ross-Raymond replied they reduced it by \$5,000 dollars. Chair Nangle stated if the funds are budgeted for them they would be raising for taxation. Ralph Downes stated he feels they should stay with the number. Gene Shaw suggested decreasing it by \$10,000 dollars. Joe Landry stated if the funds are unnecessary they would go in to the general fund. Selectman Ross-Raymond stated the Town can utilize the State Police but they may need some if residents ask for a Chief. Joe Landry made a **motion** to cut the Police Department budget by \$10,000 dollars. Ed Sawyer **seconded** the motion and the motion **passed**. *Sandy Miller, Bill MacDuffie and Ralph Downes were opposed.* Ed Sawyer made a **motion** to accept the Police budget at \$41,384 dollars, for the purposes of discussion during the Public Hearing. Gene Shaw **seconded** the motion and the motion **passed**. *Sandy Miller, Bill MacDuffie and Ralph Downes were opposed.*

**Ambulance (4215)** - Ralph Downes made a **motion** to accept the Ambulance budget at \$25,178 dollars, for the purposes of discussion during the Public Hearing. Ed Sawyer **seconded** the motion and the motion **passed unanimously**.

**Fire Department (4220)** – There is a \$500 dollar difference between the Budget Committee’s recommended budget total and the Selectmen’s recommended total, in the Recognition

line. Selectman Ross-Raymond stated the BOS voted to give the Fire Department \$1,500 dollars but the funds ended up being matched by the “Auxillary”. Kathie Downes stated she feels that placing the \$500 dollars in the line is not a lot to ask for recognition and personally feels, as a taxpayer, the Budget Committee should leave the money in there. Sandy Miller asked why the event could not have been held at the Town Office and Chief Gilman replied it was so that someone else would be doing the work. Sally Jones made a **motion** to accept the Fire Department budget at \$36,078 dollars, for the purposes of discussion. Marcia Murphy **seconded** the motion and the motion **passed unanimously**.

**Building Inspection (4240)** - Ralph Downes made a **motion** to accept the Building Inspection budget at \$6,639 dollars, for the purposes of discussion during the Public Hearing. Ed Sawyer **seconded** the motion and the motion **passed unanimously**.

**Forest Fire (4290)** - Gene Shaw made a **motion** to accept the Forest Fire budget at \$7,328 dollars, for the purposes of discussion during the Public Hearing. Ed Sawyer **seconded** the motion and the motion **passed unanimously**.

**Highway & Streets Maintenance (4312)** - Sandy Miller made a **motion** to accept the Highway & Streets Maintenance budget at \$244,825 dollars, for the purposes of discussion during the Public Hearing. Sally Jones **seconded** the motion and the motion **passed unanimously**.

**Highway & Streets Bridges (4313)** - Ralph Downes made a **motion** to accept the Highway & Streets budget at \$1 dollars, for the purposes of discussion during the Public Hearing. Sally Jones **seconded** the motion and the motion **passed unanimously**.

**Utilities & Street Lights (4316)** - Ralph Downes made a **motion** to accept the Utilities & Street lights budget at \$2,000 dollars, for the purposes of discussion during the Public Hearing. Sally Jones **seconded** the motion and the motion **passed unanimously**.

**Recycling (4323)** - Gene Shaw made a **motion** to accept the Recycling budget at \$9,900 dollars, for the purposes of discussion during the Public Hearing. Sally Jones **seconded** the motion and the motion **passed unanimously**.

**Transfer Station (4324)** – Discussed & voted on at the beginning of the meeting.

**Animal Control (4414)** – Sally Jones made a **motion** to accept the Animal Control budget at \$300 dollars, for the purposes of discussion during the Public Hearing. Bill MacDuffie **seconded** the motion and the motion **passed unanimously**.

**Health Agencies (4415)** – Sandy Miller made a **motion** to accept the Health Agencies budget at \$2,749 dollars, for the purposes of discussion during the Public Hearing. Ed Sawyer **seconded** the motion and the motion **passed unanimously**.

**Direct Assistance (4442)** - Ralph Downes made a **motion** to accept the Direct Assistance budget at \$7,328 dollars, for the purposes of discussion during the Public Hearing. Bill MacDuffie **seconded** the motion and the motion **passed unanimously**.

**Recreation (4520)** - Sally Jones made a **motion** to accept the Recreation budget at \$2,675 dollars, for the purposes of discussion during the Public Hearing. Gene Shaw **seconded** the motion and the motion **passed unanimously**.

**Library (4550)** - Sally Jones made a **motion** to accept the Library budget at \$31,358 dollars, for the purposes of discussion during the Public Hearing. Ralph Downes **seconded** the motion and the motion **passed unanimously**.

**Patriotic Observations (4583)** - Ralph Downes made a **motion** to accept the Patriotic Observations budget at \$2,950 dollars, for the purposes of discussion during the Public Hearing. Bill MacDuffie **seconded** the motion and the motion **passed unanimously**.

**Conservation Commission (4600)** - Ralph Downes made a **motion** to accept the Conservation Commission budget at \$500 dollars, for the purposes of discussion during the Public Hearing. Ed Sawyer **seconded** the motion and the motion **passed unanimously**.

**Interest: TANS (4723)** - Ralph Downes made a **motion** to accept the Interest: TANS budget at \$500 dollars, for the purposes of discussion during the Public Hearing. Gene Shaw **seconded** the motion and the motion **passed unanimously**.

*The total operating budget figure for the Selectmen's budget is \$852,100 dollars and the Budget Committee's figure is \$841,600 dollars.*

### **Capital Budget Items**

**Highways & Streets – Projects (4910)** - Ralph Downes made a **motion** to accept the H&S – Projects budget at \$128,000 dollars, for the purposes of discussion during the Public Hearing. Sally Jones **seconded** the motion and the motion **passed unanimously**.

**Debt Service – Principal (4711)** - Sally Jones made a **motion** to accept the Debt Service – Principal budget at \$66,667 dollars, for the purposes of discussion. Ed Sawyer **seconded** the motion and the motion **passed unanimously**.

**Debt Service – Interest (4721)** - Sandy Miller made a **motion** to accept the Debt Service – Interest budget at \$31,594 dollars, for the purposes of discussion. Gene Shaw **seconded** the motion and the motion **passed unanimously**.

**Capital Budget Items (5500)** - Ralph Downes made a **motion** to accept the Capital Budget Items at \$33,000 dollars, for the purposes of discussion during the Public Hearing. Sally Jones **seconded** the motion and the motion **passed unanimously**.

**Revenue** - Ralph Downes made a **motion** to accept the Revenue at \$425,468 dollars, for the purposes of discussion during the Public Hearing. Gene Shaw **seconded** the motion and the motion **passed unanimously**.

**Warrant Articles** - Ralph Downes made a **motion** to accept the Warrant Articles at \$34,400 dollars, for the purposes of discussion during the Public Hearing. Sally Jones **seconded** the motion and the motion **passed unanimously**.

**The Public Hearing was closed at 7:41 p.m.**

Ralph Downes made a **motion** to accept the Budget Committee's overall budget at \$1,100,861 dollars and the Selectmen's overall budget at \$1,111,361 dollars. Sally Jones **seconded** the motion and the motion **passed unanimously**. (**\$10,500 dollars difference**).

**The entire Budget Committee signed the MS-7**

Chair Nangle thanked TA Warren, AA Downes, the BOS, all of the BC Members and MS Rollins for all of their work during this budget season.

***Next Scheduled Meeting Date for 2012:***

- MONDAY, April 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. upstairs at the Academy Hall.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted: April Rollins, Municipal Secretary