

TOWN OF SALISBURY

Budget Committee Business Meeting Summary

April 9, 2012

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

Other Selectmen Present: Selectwoman Sheldon, Selectman Ballou

General Public Present: None.

Handouts for Meeting:

- 2010 Budget & Revenue ending on 3/31/12
- Tentative 2013 Budget Schedule

Chair Nangle opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. and welcomed all of the new & returning Budget Committee members.

Discussion of Budget Committee Member's goals, recommendations or concerns for the budget season

– Marcia Murphy stated that when the committee is looking to next year, she feels the raises were given unequally by asking people to get the increase within their budget because there are some departments that can and others that could never see an increase. Selectwoman Sheldon noted that it is a revaluation year, so keep in mind that values may decrease but taxes may go up. Joe Landry replied the bottom line would still be the same.

Ralph Downes informed the BC that Fire Department has four to five Fire Explorers turning the age of 18 this year and the Town pays for them to attend the Fire Academy, so there will be an increase in that line item. Bill MacDuffie stated the Highway Budget will also need to be increased. Ed Sawyer stated he feels pay increases should be tied to the person's salary instead of within each budget. Ed Sawyer noted that Single Stream Recycling (15 year commitment) should go through and few things within his budget may need to be shifted around.

Joe Landry stated they have held the budget close to what it has been over the past three years, residents have not suffered and this committee should be an example for other agencies. Joe Landry noted he would like to see spending kept down. TA Warren informed the BC that other Towns have been sending letters to the State regarding the lack of Flood Control Reimbursement money and are threatening a lawsuit. Selectwoman Sheldon noted Salisbury will be sending a letter as well.

Sandy Miller stated the Police Department has not suffered. Selectman Ross-Raymond replied the State Police have been very active and doing a great job with some recent investigations. Selectman Ross-Raymond noted the Town of Webster has been using Salisbury as an example. Ralph Downes reported that over the winter, there were four accidents and the response times were within 10-15 minutes. TA Warren noted the State Police have been using the Police Station as a sub-station.

The BC reviewed the tentative 2013 budget schedule. MS Rollins asked if they would like to hold their June 11th meeting. The entire Budget Committee agreed they would hold the June meeting and invite Department Heads to attend, so the BC could explain what their expectations are for this budget year.

Election of Officers – Ed Sawyer made a **motion** to nominate Jeff Nangle as Chair and Joe Landry as Vice Chair. Sandy Miller **seconded** the motion. The **motion passed unanimously**.

Review & Approve Minutes of February 9, 2012 – Ken Ross-Raymond made a **motion** to approve the meeting minutes of February 9, 2012 with changes. Ed Sawyer **seconded** the motion. The **motion passed unanimously**. The BC requested that copies of the minutes & agenda only be e-mailed only.

Next Scheduled Meeting Date for 2012:

- MONDAY, June 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. upstairs at the Academy Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: April Rollins, Municipal Secretary