

TOWN OF SALISBURY

Budget Committee Business Meeting Summary

November 18, 2013

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

Other Selectmen Present: Pete Ballou.

General Public Present: Gail Henry and Lisa Campbell

Handouts for Meeting:

- 2013 Budget through 10/31/13

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

Review & Approve Minutes of September 9, 2013 – Sally Jones made a **motion** to approve the meeting minutes of September 9, 2013 without correction. Ralph Downes **seconded** the motion. The **motion passed unanimously**.

Review 2013/2014 Budget & Revenue Figures

Library (4550) – Gail Henry provided the Budget Committee with the Library's proposed 2014 budget that included volunteer hours and grant funding sources. Mrs. Henry stated Mindy Flater is not slated for a raise this year and doesn't want one but they may revisit after Town Meeting. Mrs. Henry explained they would like to stay open an extra hour and they have concerns with IT service (arbitrary figure of \$85 dollars an hour) for the goal of having a full automation system by next year. Mrs. Henry stated they have given a raise to the Library Aid in the amount of \$120 dollars out of their budget's surplus. Mrs. Henry stated the Astronomical Society will providing them with a telescope that residents can check out for use. Mrs. Henry explained the down loadable books are very popular and the Friends of the Library fund it but the account should have been separate, so she is looking into using Lake Sunapee. Mrs. Henry noted she also contacted Representative Mario Ratzki who may propose a bill to eliminate the requirement. Mrs. Henry stated they are trying to keep the expenses down but they have to serve the people. Chair Nangle asked how much it would cost for the Library to be open the extra hour. Mrs. Henry replied she would look at it, then submit the figure to the BC. Sandy Miller asked if Mango provides the security system for the Library. Mrs. Henry replied they have a panic button and she is not sure who gets contacted but doesn't think it is fair for TA Warren to respond because she live out of Town now. Joe Landry asked why they would wait to revisit raises until after Town Meeting and Mrs. Henry replied because they have funding from other places. Chair Nangle asked if the salaries were augmented and Mrs. Henry replied there is a "nitch" with the way raises are given. Joe Landry made a **motion** to accept the Library's proposed budget for discussion. Bill MacDuffie **seconded** the motion and the **motion passed unanimously**. Overall proposed increased proposed is \$1,529 dollars. Joe Landry excused himself.

Registrations (4140) – Town Clerk Campbell stated she is not requesting an increase. Ed Sawyer made a **motion** to accept the Registrations' proposed budget for discussion. Bill MacDuffie **seconded** the motion and the **motion passed unanimously**.

Cemeteries (4195) – Level funded. Sandy Miller made a **motion** to accept the Cemeteries proposed budget for discussion. Sally Jones **seconded** the motion and the **motion passed unanimously**.

Planning Board & Zoning (4191) - Level funded. Ralph Downes made a **motion** to accept the Planning & Zoning proposed budgets for discussion. Ed Sawyer **seconded** the motion and the **motion passed unanimously**.

Building Inspector (4240) - Level funded. Ed Sawyer made a **motion** to accept the Building Inspector's proposed budget for discussion. Ralph Downes **seconded** the motion and the **motion passed unanimously**.

Conservation (4600) - Level funded. Sally Jones made a **motion** to accept the Cemeteries proposed budget for discussion. Ed Sawyer **seconded** the motion and the **motion passed unanimously**.

Update of Selectmen's Issues – *School District's Budget*, Chair Nangle stated he has talked to a few people regarding the requested school budget because after only one month of school the school district's budget is over by a quarter of a million dollars and they are going to need to appropriate more than the Town's whole appropriation. Chair Nangle reported that a few of the School District's Representatives have been asked to attend the next Budget Committee meeting to air out a few issues because the Town is not being represented and things will start to become very public. Chair Nangle stated once you become an elected official you need to start listening to people and this may become a “burn” year but people need to be held accountable. Marcia Murphy stated there is an increase for the school's health insurance of \$400K. Chair Nangle stated a paper trail will be started and has a hard time with no checks & balances. Marcia Murphy stated issues cannot be spoken to and the school bus issue has come up a lot but when Loudon asked for full-time day care, the school board was right on it. Chair Nangle stated the concern needs to shift and the Town needs to look at its representation.

2013 Tax rate Calculation – Rates are as follows; Town = \$4.55, Local School \$14.29, State School \$2.61 and County \$2.85. Total Rate is \$24.30 per thousand.

Budget Committee's next meeting – Monday, December 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Ed Sawyer made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Ralph Downes seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
April Rollins, Municipal Secretary