

Budget Committee Meeting

01/09/13

Attendance: Chairman, Donna Sargent, Lynne Parker, Jane terKuile, Jim Fitzpatrick, David Babson, Joe Goss, Marie McConarty, Robert Freeman, Selectmen's Representative; Tom Kondrat, West Ossipee Fire Precinct Representative, Martha B. Eldridge, Town Administrator, who recorded the minutes. Belinda Cullen was absent.

Chairman Sargent opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Sargent introduced Steve Hamilton from the Dept. of Revenue Administration. Hamilton came to the meeting by invitation to discuss the operations of the Water & Sewer Dept.

Sargent stated that the committee had put together a list of questions (see attached list) for the Water & Sewer Dept. Chester "Ski" Kwiatkowski, Water & Sewer Commissioner, proceeded to answer the list of questions. (See attached list of questions & answers)

Sargent thanked Kwiatkowski and Doug Sargent for their responses.

After a lengthy discussion with the Budget Committee members, Hamilton stated that he feels the Water & Sewer Dept. is running as it should be.

Goss made a motion to approve the minutes of the 12/05/12 meeting. terKuile seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Goss made a motion to approve the minutes of the 12/12/12 meeting. McConarty seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Sargent passed out the revenues for 2012.

Jim Dolan presented the budget for the Center Ossipee Fire Precinct in the amount of \$406,070.00. Dolan explained that this is a reduction of \$10,000.00 from the previous submitted budget. terKuile made a motion to recommend this amount. Fitzpatrick seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Babson stated that the town has been lead to believe that the Special Duty Pay makes money for the town and that the reports do not show this. The expenditure reports show more expense and the revenue does not show revenue enough to offset the expenses. Eldridge stated that she will get detailed reports for the Special Duty Accounting.

Kondrat stated that the West Ossipee Fire Precinct has scheduled their precinct meeting for 02/09/13. The Budget Committee's public hearing is scheduled for 02/06/13. This date would not meet the requirements for the 2/09/13 precinct meeting. At this time the

Committee discussed an additional public hearing. The Committee set an additional public hearing for 1/16/13. The meeting will be advertised in the newspaper and posted in the necessary public places in order to meet the requirements.

Fitzpatrick made a motion to recommend \$430,713.00 for the West Ossipee Fire Precinct Budget. Kondrat seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Goss made a motion to recommend \$420,860.00 for the Ossipee Corner Light & Power Precinct. This amount included a \$10,000.00 warrant article. terKuile seconded. Parker abstained. The motion carried.

Sargent stated that with the list of revenues submitted tonight they should be able to vote on the budgets next week.

The Committee requested a printout that shows the expenditures to date.

terKuile made a motion to adjourn. McConarty seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Adjourned at 8:35 PM.