

## **Budget Committee Workshop**

**Wednesday, June 4, 2014**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Goss at 6:35pm. Present were David Babson, Matt Trahan, Kathleen Maloney, James Fitzpatrick, Tom Kondrat – WO rep., Marie McConarty –CO rep., and Lynne Parker – OC rep. Selectman Freeman joined meeting in progress.

Motion by Maloney to accept the minutes of May 7, 2014 was approved.

Chairman read a letter from Ellen White requesting committee to find a secretary. Parker volunteered for this meeting.

Chairman reported on the question of eligibility of Mr. Kwiatkowski to serve on the budget committee. Copies of the communication from NH Municipal Assoc. were given to each member. The Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners are a department of the Town of Ossipee and not a "Village District". Mr. Kwiatkowski is not a full time employee but could be classified as part-time. Because the budget committee deals with appropriations if he were to serve as a member he would be recused from voting on any questions concerning water and sewer appropriations.

Chairman called for nominations to fill the vacancy on the budget committee. Mr. Fitzpatrick nominated Mr. Kwiatkowski, and Mr. Goss nominated Julie Rosiak. Ms. Rosiak was introduced, made personal comments and was asked questions by the committee. She was excused from the room and the vote was taken. Julie Rosiak was elected to the budget committee. It was explained to her that she may sit in on this meeting with no vote, and needs to be sworn in at town hall before the next meeting. A request for name signs will be made for Kathleen Maloney and Julie Rosiak.

Mr. Kondrat nominated Matt Trahan to be the Deputy Chairman for the Budget Committee. Unanimously approved.

This committee agreed to set the time of our meeting for 7pm to 9pm.

Mr. Babson has attended the last three meetings of the Water and Sewer board. Negative comments concerning the town and budget committee were made from an employee and the meeting had been recorded. Chairman Goss asked Mr. Babson to put this event in writing. The water and sewer board meets the first Monday of the month at 5:30 pm at the WS building. Mr. Fitzpatrick questions the budget committee authority over the Water/Sewer budget. Mr. Trahan will contact the Attorney General's office concerning the questions we have on the Water and Sewer Commissioners, and budget etc.

Discussion concerning the Water and Sewer bond payment noted appropriations approved were 2012-\$63,270.00; 2013-\$39,894.00; and 2014-\$30,370.00. It was questioned if the correct amount was given to the voters for approval and if payment was made for a non-appropriated amount, and was there a review of the payment schedule. Selectmen Freeman said these questions are being address with the town auditors and employees accountable. He anticipated answers at the next selectmen's meeting, Monday June 9 at 4:15, Town Hall.

Maloney questioned line item on current expenditure report-Selectmen's office overtime of \$13.97. (01.41506.140.00)

Mr. Kondrat had not received an answer on his questions last meeting of the Dam authority meeting times, it's role and who has say over the expenditures. Please check with Ms. White.

Mr. Trahan reported the result of inquiry of the Chamber of Commerce concerning the wage and benefit survey. The local group had no information but other Chambers do, just not related Ossipee. Mr. Kondrat would like a wage and benefit comparison for our area. Mr. Fitzpatrick included that there is a resource for information of public employees in the state, but benefit monies would still be questioned. What would be the survey questions?

Chairman Goss asked the members if they would submit questions for forming the next meeting agenda, via e-mail if possible.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm with the next scheduled meeting on Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lynne Parker