



Town of Winchester 1 Richmond Road Winchester, NH 03470

**MINUTES of the
Budget Committee
Tuesday**

October 25, 2005

Committee Members Present: Trevor Croteau (Co-Chairperson), Brian Moser, Ted Whippie, Sherman Tedford (Co-Chairperson), Sergei Galeano, Dawn Lincoln, Jackie Beaman, Gary Rokes, Colleen Duquette and Margaret Curtiss. Also present was Town Manager John Stetser, Secretary Roberta Fraser and Police Chief Gary Phillips. Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

1st Order of Business: Announcements

Brian thinks it is inappropriate for the budget committee to be voting on the budgets before the selectmen approve them.

There is some discussion about whether the budget committee should go over budgets and accept budgets before the selectboard has a chance to present their budget, and the committee decides not to wait and can revisit budgets if they need to.

2nd Order of Business: Budget Review

Police chief Gary Phillips is at the meeting tonight to present his proposed budget to the budget committee. (See attached)

John reads each line item and then Gary answers any questions the committee has. There is some discussion about the salaries and whether they include the proposed 3% across the board merit raise that John is giving and an extra 3% or how did Gary figure it. Gary explains it is 6% total, 3% then 3%.

There is a lot of discussion about the merit raise amount that is available for the Town manager to use and whether it should be given across the board or not.

There is discussion about the outside activity line and whether the special fund that was put on as a warrant article last year will cover the outside activities.

Gary is asking to add \$38,000.00 to his budget for a regional prosecutor.

There is discussion on the gas amount requested.

After much discussion on the whole proposed budget, Colleen makes a **motion** to approve the Police Department budget of \$412,871.00.

Jackie seconds it

Discussion:

Colleen would like to change gasoline from \$18,000.00 to \$15,000.00 and change Computer software from \$0.00 to \$3000.00. Sherm would like to change outside activities to \$1.00.

Motion is called and fails

There is discussion about changing amounts on some of the line items and then Sherm makes a **motion** to approve the police Budget with the changes (see attached) for a total of \$399,968.00

Margaret seconds it

Motion carries with 2 opposed

Colleen makes a **motion** to take a five-minute recess

Sherm seconds it

Motion carries unanimously

The committee is recessed at 9:15pm and called back to order at 9:20pm

The next budget discussed is Buildings Operation and Maintenance and there are questions about the fuel amount purchased and whether that includes welfare fuel, and the committee would like answers before approving the budget.

Cemetery- (see attached)

Brian makes a **motion** to approve cemetery as is for \$37,500

Colleen seconds it

Motion carries

Legal- (see attached)

Sherm makes a **motion** to set legal fees for selectmen attorneys at \$24,000.00 and keep all the others the same

Brian seconds it

Discussion:

There is discussion about Dogs & Cats legal line and Gary asks to change it to \$1000.00

Sherm withdraws his motion and makes a new **motion** for legal to be \$47,500.00 and Brian seconds it

Motion carries

Sherm makes a **motion** to approve Advertising and Regional Associations for \$4729.00 and Other General Government for \$2400.00

Colleen seconds it

Motion carries unanimously

3rd Order of Business: Adjournment

Brian makes a **motion** to adjourn

Dawn seconds it

Motion carries unanimously

Meeting is adjourned at 9:57pm

R. Fraser

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