

Town of Winchester 1 Richmond Road Winchester, NH 03470

Minutes of the Budget Committee (DRAFT)

Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006

Committee Members Present: Trevor Croteau (Chairman), Ken Gardner (vice-chairman), Sherm Tedford (select board rep), Jacqueline Beaman, Dawn Lincoln, Richard Kelton, Margaret Curtiss, Hubert Crowell, Colleen Duquette (School Board Rep), Deb Freeman and Gary Rokes. Also present Tom O'Connor, Margaret Sullivan, David Funkhouser, Pam Bigelow, Chris Thompson (School Board Member), Bill Campbell (School Board Member), Jude Bischoff (Special Education) and Clerk Tracy Pelkey and Gary Phillips (Winchester Police Chief)

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

Gary Phillips is present tonight to discuss the Police Department Salaries, Trevor suggests we vote on this before going on, Ken makes a motion to discuss the salaries that were done on November 21<sup>st</sup>, Deb seconds it, motion carries.

Gary hands out 2007-2008 Police Budget Salary requests, he also passed out documentation on the 2006 New Hampshire Wage, Salary and Benefit Survey of all police positions in the State of New Hampshire, there is a lengthy discussion about the salary adjustments, the budget committee would like to discuss the Chief's recommendations at the public hearing.

**1<sup>st</sup> Order of Business:** School Budget

Trevor makes a suggestion that each budget committee member should have a book like the one that he has, Colleen explains what is in the book and that this is useful information.

Dawn makes a motion that the committee should each have a book.

Deb seconds it, all opposed.

Tracy will make copies of the book for each budget committee member.

Colleen begins the budget discussion with providing answers to questions that the committee may have

Jude Bischoff attended the meeting to answer questions regarding Special Education. She advised there are 52 students who are coded and receiving speech and language services by an IEP and 36 OT students .

There is a lengthy discussion on Special Education services, Jude Bischoff answers each question that the board members have.

The committee is recessed at 8:35 and called back to order at 8:45

The committee continues the lengthy discussion on Special Education Services.

Trevor is going to send a letter out to the State Representative's: Henry Parkhurst, Stanley Plifka to ask if they would attend one of the meetings to listen to the Winchester Budget concerns regarding special education expenses.

Ken makes a motion to adjourn the meeting

Dawn seconds it, motion carries.

Meeting is adjourned at 9:15

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy L. Pelkey