

Minutes of Winchester Budget Committee

Meeting Wednesday January 11, 2006

Re-open Tuesday public meeting, called to order by Chair Trevor Croteau 7:06 PM.

Roll Call: Jackie Beaman, Ted Whippie, Margaret Curtiss, Sherman Tedford, Colleen Duquette- School Board Rep., Sherman Tedford, Trevor Croteau, Sergei Galeano, Dawn Lincoln, Gary Rokes

There is some discussion of the public hearing. The committee is waiting for the selectman (who are presently meeting) to finish their approval on two articles that the budget committee needs so to approve/or not.

Sherman Tedford motions to close the public hearing. Colleen Duquette seconds the motion. The motion carries.

The budget committee revisits the police budget. We discuss the need for both the regional prosecutor and the 7th police officer. Also discussed is the need for increased part-time salary expense and special investigation funds.

Sherman Tedford states that he would agree to \$5,000 of special investigation funds.

Colleen Duquette motions to put the 7th officer in at \$32,821. Motion seconded by Jackie Beaman. Motion carries.

Motion by Sherman Tedford and seconded by Dawn Lincoln to reduce overtime account to \$6,000 and the part-time labor account to \$6,000. Motion carries.

Motion by Margaret Curtiss and seconded by Gary Rokes to make the amount for uniforms expense by \$3,000 and make the overtime account be \$9,000. Motion carries.

Motion by Colleen Duquette and seconded by Sherman Tedford for the new bottom-line budget for the police department to be \$403,787. Motion passes.

Motion by Sherman Tedford and seconded by Margaret Curtiss to add \$17,086 to the personnel account to cover changes made to the police department budget. Motion passes.

Motion by Sherman Tedford and seconded by Colleen Duquette for \$3,381,465 as the new bottom line of the town budget. Motion carries.

The budget committee reviews Article 12 which may provide funds for the pickle festival. The budget committed will maintain it's recommendation for \$2,000 for the pickle festival. This is due to the fact that historically the pickle festival committee has asked for \$5,000 to begin planning the event. This year they are starting the year with approximately \$3,000 in their fund.

The budget committee will recommend Article 14 which pertains to raising and appropriating funds for the purchase of a police cruiser.

The budget committee will recommend Article 15 which pertains to the purchase of a dump truck for the highway department.

Motion by Dawn Lincoln and seconded by Sherman Tedford that the budget committee recommend Article 16 which relates to raising funds for future town revaluations. Motion carries.

Motion by Sherman Tedford and seconded by Dawn Lincoln that the budget committee will not recommend Article 17 which is to raise and appropriate funds for "future upgrades, structural or mechanical to the Town Hall". Motion fails.

Motion by Sergei Galeano and seconded by Colleen Duquette that the budget committee recommend Article 17. Motion carries.

Motion by Colleen Duquette and seconded by Gary Rokes that the budget committee not recommend Article 18 because of concerns about the wording and meaning implied. This the article relating to funds to repair Old Westport Rd. Motion carries.

Motion by Colleen Duquette and seconded by Gary Rokes that the budget committee recommend Article 19. Article is to raise funds for bridge repair work. Motion carries

Motion by Colleen Duquette and seconded by Dawn Lincoln that the budget committee recommend Article 20. Article is to raise funds for Evergreen Cemetery. Motion carries

Motion by Colleen Duquette and seconded by Sergei Galeano that the budget committee recommend Article 25. Article is to raise funds for ELM Memorial Cummunity Center. Motion fails.

Motion by Sherman Tedford and seconded by Margaret Curtiss that the budget committee recommend \$42,345 for the ELM Memorial Cummunity Center appropriation amount in Article 25. Motion carries.

Motion by Colleen Duquette and seconded by Margaret Curtiss that the budget committee recommend Article 31 to raise and appropriate \$6,000 for the Winchester Learning Center. Motion carries.

Motion by Margaret Curtiss and seconded by Sergei Galeano that the budget committee recommend Article 30 to raise and appropriate \$4,000 for the Town Beach. Motion carries.

Motion by Gary Rokes and seconded by Sergei Galeano that the budget committee not recommend Article 13 to raise and appropriate funds for a new pumper tanker for the fire department. Motion carries.

Selectmen have changes language of Articles 21 and 22 that make them inactionable to the budget committee. We will take no action.

Motion by Colleen Duquette and seconded by Jackie Beaman to adjourn at 9:18PM. Motion carries.