

Joint Meeting of the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen
January 19, 2012

Roll Call:

BOS: Roland Fernald, Jack Murphy, Roberta Place, Mike Moynahan, Dutch Dunkleberger

BC: Noah Lemire, John Reed, Rebecca Davis, Ron Cooper

Absent: Ed Strong, Jeff Pelkey, Bill Jacques

Call to Order: 1900

Community Service

- Large increase is due to imported items from highway department
 - BC would like clarification on what is included in this, perhaps a more detailed breakdown
- may need to look at reduction in hours for senior services position due to lack of enrollment
 - Programs will not be adversely affected
- Utilities account includes town parks
- BC would like to have fringe benefits added to department budget along with salaries
 - Reflect true cost of business in department
 - Department heads receive salary/benefit information from the treasurer
- BC requested the financial statements of the enterprise account
- Lengthy discussion regarding the enterprise account

Admin

- Will add fringe benefit line beneath salaries at BC request
- Mapping cost is set to increase next year
 - current year bill not yet paid
- Large increase in Audit fees
 - Will no longer use Donhauser
 - does not reflect \$ for financial statement preparation
- Legal fees allocation should increase to a realistic number
 - Discussion of working to accelerate ordinance updates to help avoid legal issues
- streaming video of selectmen's meetings costs \$250/month
- oil prices variable but capped
- Election booths in need of replacement
 - \$6562.47 for all
 - Range from 5-25 years of age
 - Perhaps we could do with fewer
- BC would like to see each fringe benefit broken out in each department
- Need to replace aging server this year
 - not really a capital improvement item due to relatively short lifespan

- BOS is looking into increasing share of health care premiums paid by town employees
- Looking to install a form of web based payroll system
 - save time of treasurer
 - entered by employee, verified by supervisor
- Discussions of perhaps sharing employees/services with surrounding towns
- may be able to have planning assistant role performed by SMRPC
- Big number will always be salaries and benefits

Next meeting will be on 2/2/12 at 1830 to cover the police and fire budgets.

Meeting Adjourned at 2100

Respectfully Submitted,

Noah Lemire, Secretary