

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD
BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 14, 2014**

Present: Bayard Tracy, Chairman; Elaine Levlocke, Selectboard Representative; Cliff Emery, John Koopmann, Susan Newcomer, Charlie Perry, Marty Mahoney, School Board Representative; Dan Cotter, Jeff Morse, Steve Buckley, Spofford Fire Precinct Representative; Frank Underwood, Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Precinct Representative

Absent: Rich Kalich, Steve Laskowski

Bayard called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Sue moved the January 7th minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Dan. Dan moved January 7th as amended. The motion was seconded by Susan and passed unanimously.

School – Marty stated that the Board would be ready to present at the next meeting. Budget books will be ready on Friday. The budget is up 8% primarily due to SPED costs.

The Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Precinct 2014 budget was reviewed

The overall budget is up 5% to \$126,177. The Commissioners are proposing to expend \$6,000 from the Precinct's General Fund, which will essentially keep taxes flat in 2014 (reduced by \$38.00 or by .02%). There was a lengthy discussion about the Fire & Rescue precinct budget concerning the following:

- cost of the new Fire Truck
- budget to budget analysis.

The Committee reviewed call reports for Spofford & Chesterfield; Spofford has 203, Chesterfield had 216.

Contributions to and withdrawals from the CRFs were discussed

Jeff Chickering, Fire Chief, described the reasons and timing of the new truck purchase last spring which was followed by remarks from Committee members.

Town –

A). Capital Reserve Fund Deposits – Parks & Rec Activities Enhancement Expendable Trust is \$5,868 will be finalized at Selectboard meeting tomorrow. The amount is ½ of unexpended Parks & Rec revenue.

B). Warrant Articles - The Parks & Rec Committee has withdrawn the warrant article to renovate the concession stand. This will be replaced by new article for repairs to the Wares Grove Cottage in an amount yet to be determined. The library has added amounts of \$30,000 for the roof and \$5,000 for a parking lot engineer warrant articles.

C). Revenues have been adjusted to reflect the removal of the \$15,000 P&R Concession Stand.

D). Rick reported on the budget status to date and estimated 2014 revenues

Dan moved to adjourn at 9:20 PM. The motion was seconded by Susan and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine
Secretary