

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD  
BUDGET COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 28, 2012**

Present: Bayard Tracy, Chairman; Cliff Emery, Selectboard Representative; Steve Laskowski, John Koopmann, Deb Chickering, CF&R Representative; Dan Cotter (arrived at 6:36 PM), Gary Winn (arrived at 6:38 PM), Bill Bucknell (arrived at 6:40 PM), Mike Wiggin, Spofford Fire Precinct (arrived at 6:53 PM)

Bayard called the meeting to order at 6:44 PM

The Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Precinct meeting is March 20, 2012 at the Center Station apparently there will be a proposal to add a 20 hour per week clerical position for up to \$20,000. Gary stated that this amounts to \$20/hour. No secretary in Town is paid that well. The verbiage in the grant does not require the position be retained after the grant ends. There is a precedent set for this person in place. There is a SAFER grant that has been applied for. It has been suggested that the funds could be approved out of the 10% over and above what the budget committee approved. Deb Chickering stated that there were around 78 fire calls and 151 rescue calls last year.

Bayard reported that the NECAP scores improved for Chesterfield and Fall Mountain.

Gary moved to approve January 31<sup>st</sup> minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Dan and passed unanimously. Cliff reported that the wording on Article 11 to add the “up to” is unable to be changed.

Gary moved to approve January 28<sup>th</sup> School Public Hearing Minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Dan and passed unanimously. Mike asked if the school warrant had been posted in Spofford? He hasn't seen it. Cliff stated that he would check.

Dan moved to approve January 28<sup>th</sup> Town & Fire Precincts Public Hearing Minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Gary and passed unanimously.

Gary asked about the Castle Road Project? Cliff stated that the Selectboard has a meeting with Bart tomorrow night to discuss all outstanding projects. There was \$50,000 approved last year out of the Reserve Fund Roadways Construction/Reconstruction and \$50,000 approved from taxation. Only \$50,000 has been expended and the project has not made it to Gulf Road. Cliff stated that \$39,174 was encumbered from last year. Castle Road was not part of the list.

Cliff reported that the house on Route 9 sold for \$115,000. The Town should receive up to \$58,000.

Bayard reported that he would give the Budget Committee report at the Town & School Meetings. Hopefully the expenditures from the General Fund will be made up next year by unexpected revenues. Bayard recognized Bill and Gary for their service to the Budget

Committee. They are not running again next year. There are 4 open positions on the Committee next year.

The Committee will meet on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM. Bill moved to adjourn at 7:55 PM. The motion was seconded by Dan and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine  
Secretary