

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD  
BUDGET COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2013**

Present: Bayard Tracy, Chairman; Steve Laskowski, Rich Kalich, John Koopmann, Charlie Perry, Rick Cooper, Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Precinct Representative, Cliff Emery (departed at 8:15 PM), Dan Cotter, Steve Buckley, Spofford Fire Precinct Representative; and Elaine Levlocke Selectmen's Rep (arrived at 7:20 PM; departed at 8:30 PM), Marty Mahoney, School Board Representative (arrived at 8:30 PM).

Visitors – Ruth Van Houten, Dave Sheldon and Penny Cooper

Minutes – *Steve L. moved the August 27<sup>th</sup> minutes for discussion. The motion was seconded by Dan. Cliff presented 1,632 homes and 2,757 registered voters from the 2011 Census. Dan moved the August 27<sup>th</sup> minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Steve and passed unanimously.*

VY Closure – Cliff reported that there were 9 families and 15 students directly affected by the closure in Chesterfield Elementary school. There will be no change to RERP for 2013.

Spofford Fire Department – When asked, Steve B. replied that the Chief submitted a letter of resignation that wasn't accepted by the Commissioners. Spofford is putting an answering machine on their phone line stating to call 911 in case of emergency. There will be an open house on October 24<sup>th</sup>. There is an offer to Chesterfield for a joint commissioners meeting.

Town – Elaine presented an overview. Elaine asked everyone to stop by and introduce themselves to Pat Grace, the new Selectman's Secretary. The budget is 65% expended as of today. The highway budget is \$330,759 below and solid waste is \$107,509 below budget. Cliff asked if all the purchases have been made for the year? There is no way to predict storms. Bayard asked for a projection expenses.

Chesterfield Fire Department – Bayard stated that Frank had not been present for the last 2 meetings. He will remove him from the Board if there is not a representative present in the future. The Chairman has the authority to do so. John asked for a Committee vote before taking such action.

Bayard provided the Precinct District minutes for discussion. Articles 11, 12 & 13 gave the Commissioners the authority to expend out of the Capital Reserve Articles. The balance in the Heavy Equipment CRF at the budget process was \$356,475. The Precinct voted to contribute \$60,775. So the balance is well over \$400,000. A demo truck was purchased for over \$250,000. The truck has all the warranties and will last over 30 years. Penny Cooper stated that there was a group that did hours of research to find this truck. The Heavy Equipment CRF analysis had the expenditure scheduled for \$360,000.

Guidance Letter – The Committee finalized the letter for distribution. Bayard requested that a more appropriate solution be provided for the longevity pay. *Dan moved to mail the letter as amended. The motion was seconded by John. Motion passed by majority. Elaine and Steve L. voted no.*

School – There are 27 more students enrolled than budgeted. There have been 4 One-on-One Aides hired to work with some of these students. There is a 2<sup>nd</sup> kindergarten. The surplus at the end of the year (6/30/2013) is \$217,171. The \$25,000 still needs to be transferred to the Capital Reserve Fund leaving \$192,171 to reduce taxes.

The next meeting will be scheduled after the budgets become available.  
*Dan Cotter moved to adjourn at 8:50 PM. The motion was seconded by Charlie and passed unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine  
Secretary