

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD
BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 21, 2014**

Present: Bayard Tracy, Chairman; Jon McKeon, Selectboard Representative; Rick Cooper, Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Precinct Representative; Sue Newcomer, Steve Buckley, Spofford Fire Precinct; Rich Kalich, Judy Idelkope, Dan Cotter, Marty Mahoney, School Board Representative; John Koopmann, and Carol Wheeler

Absent: Charlie Perry and Steve Laskowski

Bayard called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM

Rich moved the September 2nd minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Dan and passed unanimously.

Transfer Station – Department head, Leon Dunbar, was present to discuss the Budget. Last year department stopped paying to have recyclables shipped away and started getting revenue for selling recyclables. Budget expenses are down \$30 to \$40 thousand. Rich wanted to commend the department and the Town Administrator for the restructure. Leon stated that going forward the only way to further reduce costs is to pay per bag.

Highway – Department head, Stephen Bevis, was present to discuss the Budget. The cost of Salt has increased significantly. The Budget as presented included an increase to Gas, Oil & Diesel. That increase was due to increases in usage from other departments. The 1998 Backhoe is scheduled for replacement for \$120,000 out of the Capital Reserve Fund. There is another article proposed for \$17,000 to replace the Culvert on Chandler Road out of Roadways Construction/Reconstruction.

School- Marty presented the following for discussion:

- A). Student enrollment K-8 is 277. He submitted a list of other area schools and enrollment.
- B). The General fund as of June 30, 2014. The budget ended with \$50,812. \$25,000 went to the Capital Reserve Fund and \$25,812 was returned to reduce taxes.
- C). School Lunch program self-funding for the first time year ending 6/30/2014.
- D). Tuition - \$17,285 per person less food service, transportation and tuition. The State Average is \$13,628 and Keene is \$16,922.
- E). The NH Dept of Education Equalized Valuation per pupil 2012-2013
- F). Janelle Swanson is the new Business Administrator for Towns
- G). The School Board is scheduled to finalize their budget on January 12th.

The voting for Town & School Officers will be Tuesday March 10th. The Selectboard is trying to have both Town & School Meeting on Saturday March 14th.

Town Status - Budget is 67% spent for the year. Better than reported at the last meeting.

Chesterfield Fire & Rescue – Rick Cooper reported that Building Maintenance and Propane have been overspent for the year.

Spofford – Steve Buckley reported that the repairs to the tanker have been over \$12,000. The Commissioners are looking into expending the Catastrophic Emergency Trust Fund. The Rescue is scheduled to be replaced in 2015, but it is in good shape. They may take some money out of the Capital Reserve Fund to make repairs to it.

The next meeting will be November 18th with the Police and Library.

Sue moved to adjourn at 8:55 PM. The motion was seconded by Dan and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine
Secretary