

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD
BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 16, 2014**

Present: Bayard Tracy, Chairman; Carol Wheeler, Steve Laskowski, Dan Cotter, John Koopmann, Rich Kalich, Judy Idelkope, Charlie Perry, Steve Buckley, Spofford Fire Precinct Representative; Rick Cooper, Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Precinct Representative; Sue Newcomer, Jon McKeon, Selectboard Representative; Marty Mahoney, School Board Representative (arrived at 7:32 PM).

Tracy called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

Cotter moved to approve November 18th as amended. The motion was seconded by Koopmann and passed unanimously.

Cemetery – Neil Jenness from the Commission and Chris Flagg, the Sexton were present. The Budget is down \$3,745 or 7.8%.

Parks & Rec – Debbie Bokum, Chairman; Dewey Auger and Erik Barnes were present from the Commission. The Commission reported that their budget was revised last night. A line needs to be added for Background Checks in the amount of \$1,287 (25 background checks for \$51.50). The increases are in the director salary; advertising is up due to maintenance for a new website and advertising for director position. There is a new pay schedule for lifeguards based on 2013 study data: \$9.00 per hour no experience; \$10.00 per hour 3+ years of experience; \$11.00 for 5+ years of experience. The Commission has proposed warrant articles: \$500 for the Outdoor Tennis Court; \$500 ATV; \$1,000 for the Pick-up and \$2,500 for Building Fund. Repairs to the house are estimated at \$20,595. Income was \$88,517 for 2014.

School- Mahoney presented the December 8th Financial Report. In the current budget, there is a \$237,688 positive balance. There will be changes to the Expendable Trust Fund Balance; there is a \$35,000 contribution not yet reported and expenditures for \$57,000 on wiring and \$85,000 on the heating system conversion. Mahoney cautioned that this was early on in the budget cycle. He is expecting the budget to look better for 2015-2016 due to decreases in enrollment and decreases to the cost of tuition. Mahoney reported we are experiencing significant decreases in catastrophic aid and adequacy aid. There should be a warrant article for the teacher contract. The School will continue to hold its business meeting separately on March 7th.

Town – Jon reported that revenues are up, in part due to building permit revenue.

Chesterfield Fire Precincts – Cooper reported that the Precinct just submitted for 2 federal grants; one for communications equipment jointly with Spofford and Westmoreland; the other is for turn-out gear.

Spofford Fire Precinct – The mutual aid bill is not yet available for 2015. Chesterfield & Spofford were separated in order to get some negotiating power on the Mutual Aid bill. They have been put back together in order to decrease costs. Buckley reported that Gordon Rudolph was retiring on December 31st. Mike Fuller will be Chief as of January 1, 2015.

The next meeting will be January 6th. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM.
Respectfully Submitted, Amy LaFontaine Secretary