

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD
BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 26, 2015**

Present: Bayard Tracy, Chairman; Jon McKeon, Selectboard Representative; Steve Laskowski, John Koopmann, Sue Newcomer, Marty Mahoney, Schoolboard Representative and Gary Winn

Absent: Charlie Perry and Rick Cooper, Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Precinct Representative; Rich Kalich, Carole Wheeler, Steve Buckley, Spofford Fire Precinct and Dan Cotter.

Bayard called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM

Gary moved to approve April 7th as submitted. The motion was seconded by John and passed by Majority. Sue abstained.

The bond on the Town Office Building has been refinanced with a cost savings of over \$65,000 over 9 years.

Town - Jon reported that he had numbers for CIP for Highway Garage, Town Offices, Town Hall and Friedsam Building. Library Trustees are solely responsible for upkeep of the library building. There was discussion about DRA driving the decision to create Capital Reserve Funds for each building instead of one large CRF. If it remains CRF a certain portion of funds should be available in Expendable Trust for unexpected expenses. There was also discussion about certain annual expenses such as PD Computer Equipment in CRF for license renewals that could be incorporated into the budget.

School – Marty reported the next meeting was June 8th. There are 5 retirees this year with over 150 years of service combined. There was \$250,000 available in the unassigned balance at last review.

Selectboard report – Jon reported that a new Fireworks store and GS Precision have been approved by the Planning Board. The Selectboard is working on a grant from Economic Development for the paving at Route 9 and Mill Road. There is a petition for a gate at Mill Road. The other business does not want a gate on Mill Road. The Selectboard is pursuing legal action against the Zoning Board regarding Spofford Hall.

The next meeting is proposed for September 1, 2015.

Steve moved to adjourn at 8:25 PM. The motion was seconded by Sue and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine
Secretary