

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD
BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 15, 2016**

Present: Bayard Tracy, Chairman; Ege Cordell, School Board Representative; Brad Roscoe, Selectboard Representative; Carole Wheeler, Dave Smith, John Koopmann, Rick Cooper, Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Precinct Representative; Steve Laskowski, Gary Winn, Doug Foster.

Absent: Chris Babcock, Spofford Fire Precinct Representative, Dan Cotter

Chairman Tracy called the meeting to order at 7 PM

Wheeler moved to approve October 25th minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Cooper and passed unanimously.

Gary moved to nominate George Goulet for the vacant position on the Committee. The motion was seconded by Cordell and passed unanimously.

Town – Chris Lord was present to discuss the 2017 Highway Budget. The Budget is down primarily due to Fuel, Gravel and Salt line items. Chris stated that he was able to get salt for \$79.86 per ton, down about \$5.00 per ton. Salaries remain the same with the exception of 1 individual with a merit raise possibility. He believes he will be returning close to \$100,000 this year. Chris is proposing to rent a chipper for about \$300/day.

Chris is proposing a \$50,000 withdrawal from the Heavy Equipment CRF for a Tractor, Roadside Mower and PTO Driven Blower. The Tractor has not been included in the equipment in the Heavy Equipment CRF. The cage on the current tractor is not adequate for the insurance company.

The solar panels will start earning credits now. A new meter was just installed.

The Warrant Article for resurfacing is \$250,792. This is up about \$23,000. There is a about an extra mile of roads scheduled.

Transfer Station – Hauling fees & Tipping fees increases account for the majority of this budget increase.

Police – Police Chief, Duane Chickering and Lieutenant, Kevin White were present to discuss the 2017 Budget. The Police Budget is up \$46,186 or 9.7% increase. Duane reviewed the staffing challenges of the past year. He is proposing to hire a full-time detective.

There is a warrant article for \$25,000 to replace two cruiser video cameras and add two cameras. The current camera coverage is spotty. This is necessary for safety. These cameras will be compatible with other technologies that can be added on to later.

There is a warrant article to replace the 2010 cruiser with 140,000+ miles on it. The Department prefers the Chargers.

Animal Control is level funded.

Town Status – The Budget is about 83% expended. Rick Carrier believes there will be about \$100,000 +/- to return for taxes.

School Status– Ege presented the current status. There is a \$7,000 payment to BUHS. Offset by \$12,359 in School Board Services for Legal Fees. \$40,500 in Regular Instruction is up because of the 2nd Kindergarten. There is a \$7,200 expenditure out of Building Services for a retirement stipend. Overall \$29,538 is available balance. Ege will research the Adequacy Stabilization Dollars for the next meeting. The school will have a budget work session on the 13th and 14th if necessary and may not be in attendance at the next meeting.

Health Benefits could increase up to 17% next year. KHS regular tuition will increase from \$12,692 to \$13,242 up 4.3% and KHS Special Education will increase from \$26,130 to \$29,451.

The next meeting will be December 13th. Items for discussion are Parks & Rec, Fire Precincts and remainder of Town Budgets. Cooper moved to adjourn at 9:18 PM. The motion was seconded by Laskowski and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine
Secretary