

**Approved
Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2010**

Attendees: Chairman Ann Tierno, Carla Penfield, Kim Byrd, Allyn Chivers, Todd Allen, Craig Sandler, Erin Asselin, Selectmen's Rep. Carleton Robie, School Rep. Melissa Madden.

Absent: None

Chairman Tierno called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

- Pledge of Allegiance

Old Business

- Review and accept meeting minutes of March 3, 2010 following one change on paragraph under Town Expense Sheets. Change Carleton's statement from, "have no control over" to "where the matrix applies".

Town Reports

- The Board asked Carleton to express his gratitude to Cheryl on the new format of the reports.
- Carleton informed the Board that he is working towards having the Selectmen adjust the lines as they go and the DRA agree to that as well.
- Carla asked Carleton about the status of the hiring of an additional PT person at the Solid Waste Facility. Carleton said there is a PT person, his 90-day review is coming up, and it will be a main topic of discussion at the next Selectmen's Meeting. Carla questioned how the Selectmen came to terms with the fact that they needed a PT person. Carleton said if a person was going to be out at the facility and they would be short a person, they would have this PT employee to fill in during a busy time. Kim asked if the Selectmen were contemplating hiring this person full time. Carleton's response was certainly not.

School Reports

- Kim commented on the monthly enrollment report, including kindergarten, the comparison of years 2009 – 2010 that there is a 15% decrease in enrollment. His question is how will that affect the budget next year. What he would like is the enrollment for high school students for 3/09 for comparison. Melissa will request this information.
- Kim asked Melissa about the land next to the school for sale. He was aware there was an offer made by the school at the school district meeting. Melissa said a public hearing would be held on Monday, April 14th to discuss the purchase & sale agreement and then a petition for a

special vote. The funds must be expended by a certain amount of time so the school must act soon. The asking price is \$89,900.00 but Melissa could not disclose the offer made by the school at this time. Todd Allen asked Melissa if there has been any consideration by the school for how much the annual maintenance would be for the property. Melissa said they have discussed it but it is too premature to come up with a number. It is all contingent upon the voters.

- The School estimates a surplus of up to \$266,000.00 this year.

Election of Officers

- Officers will serve May 2010 to February or April of 2011. Carla nominated Ann for the Chair position and Lyn seconded the position. Ann accepted the position. There was a show of hands and all were in favor. Carla nominated Lyn for Vice Chair position and Carleton seconded it. Again, show of hands and all were in favor. Carleton nominated Carla as Secretary and Ann seconded the nomination and *reluctantly* Carla accepted. All were in favor to elect Carla as Secretary.

Other Business

- Ann mentioned that she would like to go over the Rules of Procedure with the Board at the next BC meeting. She will e-mail copies to everyone.

Motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm. All were in favor.

Recorded by Mary Phillips