

**Approved
Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2010**

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

Absent: Craig Sandler (excused)

Chairman Tierno called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Review and accept with changes unapproved 4/14 meeting minutes. Changes were there were no absent members. Add Craig and Erin to Attendees.

Town Expense Reports

- Lyn Chivers made a comment regarding the Direct Assistance line going down. She believes the director is being diligent and checking status and she feels she is doing a good job.
- Lyn asked Carleton if the Insurance line showing estimated remaining at 22% a true number. Carleton said it is the same that came about in the health insurance line. That line has been well funded in the event an employee is not currently in the program and needs to be added.
- Ann asked Carleton what the status was from FEMA regarding the storm. He said we should be receiving a check very soon and the amount should be in the \$50,000.00 range.
- Carleton told the BC that the Town Budget was on track very well.
- Carla asked Carlton what the status was on the swap shop. He said the solid waste committee was trying to put a plan together with the money appropriated. However, it seems that there was not enough money appropriated for what needs to be done. Carla asked if the warrant article is not spent then where does the money go. Ann said it would go back into the fund balance. Carleton said the selectmen's job is to get the job done with the funds available.

School Reports

- Review of the May 09 – May 10 High School enrollment showed 13 fewer students this year.
- Kim Byrd asked what the tuition for each HS student. Melissa said it is approximately \$10,500.00.
- Estimated projected balance is \$261,685.21. Melissa said the remaining funds improvements in the reading program, the purchase of the land and the science teacher.
- There was discussion regarding the reading program. Melissa explained the program is planned if all goes well. This year's will purchase grades 3-5, 6-, if funds are available. She added that due to other towns participating there was a substantial savings.
- Discussion regarding whether the BC should meet in July. Carla feels if we meet, we should have the monthly school reports. Melissa said since it is the end of the fiscal year and reports may very likely not be available. The consensus was to meet in June and August and not meet in July.

Bylaws

- Review, discuss and make possible changes to the Bylaws. The majority of the discussion was related to member attendance, Vice Chair responsibilities and Secretary responsibilities. The revised Bylaws will be re-written and available in August.

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm. All were in favor.

Recorded by Mary Phillips