

**Approved
Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2010**

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

Absent: Erin Asselin

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

- Pledge of Allegiance

Old Business

- Review and accept meeting minutes from 6/9/10.
- Review and accept updated By-laws (Rules of Procedure).
- Melissa confirmed the school pre-bought items from the 2009 -10 budget so there would be funds in the 2010 – 2011 budget to retain a highly qualified science teacher.
- Mosquito testing costs to date are \$16,500.00. Testing will continue until October. They have not found any mosquito's positive for EEE so far.

New Business

- A new Animal Control Officer was hired Monday evening by the Selectmen.
- Discussion related to the part time person hired at the Recycling Center. Currently he is working Sundays and filling in on vacation and sick days. He was hired to work on an as needed basis.
- Selectmen Dick Snow requested his own meeting with the Budget Committee. The board will not set a precedence of creating special meetings for one individual in town. Chairman Tierno will send a memo to the Board of Selectmen outlining Selectmen Snow's options to address his questions.

- The SAU will close the '09-'10 books for all outstanding bills in early August. Melissa Madden indicated the Budget Committee will not receive the end of year school report until October.
- Candia and Auburn have entered into an agreement to hire one psychologist to provide services to both schools. The schedule will be two days in Candia and three days in Auburn.
- Chairman Tierno will meet with the School Superintendent on August 25th at 9:00 am. Ann will ask Dr. Littlefield to attend the Budget Committee's October meeting to discuss what will be driving the budget this coming year.
- The Budget Committee supports another level funded budget. It was mentioned that when the time come for the teachers negotiations that the unions should not be dictating the needs of a town so there should be a hard line taken considering the taxpayers. There was also discussion regarding whether the three-year contract is most practical or should there be a one-year contract. There was a report that Ann will distribute to the BC members that showed the decline in enrollment. Ann will be addressing these issues to Dr. Littlefield at their meeting.
- The Budget Season calendar was discussed and dates selected. The Selectman will be asked to have their budget prepared for the Budget Committee by October 7th. The School Board is asked to have their Budget to the BC by November 8th. The Town Budget public hearing will be held January 13, 2011. The School Budget hearing is TBA at this time.
- The local Government Center is having a budget workshop on August 21 and 23.

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm. All were in favor.

Recorded by Mary Phillips