## TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 28, 2014

Present: John Koopmann, Chairman; Charlie Perry, Steve Laskowski, Dan Cotter, Rich Kalich, Cliff Emery, Susan Newcomer, Steve Buckley, Spofford Fire Precinct Representative; Frank Underwood, Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Precinct Representative, Elaine Levlocke (arrived at 7:18 PM) Selectboard Representative, Marty Mahoney (arrived at 7:20 PM), School Board Representative.

Absent: Bayard Tracy

- 1). School Tim Ruehr presented the answers to questions from the previous meeting. There were 4 handouts:
  - Average cost/pupil Chesterfield vs State; tax rate, and enrollment, for the last 10 years. SPED state average is 15.6%. Chesterfield currently is 12.9%. The SPED population for KHS is 17.5%.
  - Article for replacing the boilers to propane a portion of the funding from the CRF.
  - Revised Revenues and tax increase/\$100,000 assessed value.
  - Projected Cost Savings for closing Chesterfield and sending students to Keene plus size by class per grade.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the warrant article for replacing the boilers to propane. There will be a penalty imposed by DES after December 22, 2015 if the piping to the oil tanks is not replaced.

The Cost Savings does not take into account out-of-district placements or increases to transportation costs.

Dan moved January 14<sup>th</sup> for discussion. The motion was seconded by Susan. Dan moved January 14<sup>th</sup> as amended. The motion was seconded by Elaine. The January 14<sup>th</sup> minutes passed by majority. Dan voted no.

Elaine moved January 21<sup>st</sup> for discussion. The motion was seconded by Dan. The motion passed unanimously.

Town – John asked the Selectboard to prepare a list of all personnel with comprehensive salaries and benefits similar to the School budget back-up.

Parks & Rec – The Committee asked the Selectboard to have a detailed proposal prior to Town Meeting in time for the Budget Committee to have a recommendation.

Library – There was discussion about consolidating the Town & School library.

Spofford Fire Precinct presented updated budget with the actual mutual aid bill. Mutual Aid is up 8.9%. The Precinct has questioned the amount with Mutual Aid and were told that only

Chesterfield had been revalued. *Rich moved the Committee write a letter to Mutual Aid questioning how the amount was derived? The motion was seconded by Dan and passed unanimously.* Elaine will see if the Selectboard should draft a letter also.

Dan moved to adjourn at 9:13PM. The motion was seconded by Elaine and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine Secretary