

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD
BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 31, 2012**

Present: Bayard Tracy, Chairman; Cliff Emery, Selectboard Representative; Gary Winn, John Koopman, Dan Cotter, Charlie Perry, Mike Wiggin, Spofford Fire Precinct Representative; Deb Chickering, Chesterfield F&R Representative; Bill Bucknell, Marty Mahoney, School Board Representative; Steve Laskowski, and Rich Kalich (arrived at 6:50 PM)

Chairman Bayard Tracy called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

Steve moved to accept the minutes from January 24th as amended. The motion was seconded by Charlie and passed unanimously by roll call.

John Z is out of the state and is attending by phone. Bill Bucknell moved to accept his presence via phone. The motion was seconded by Gary and passed unanimously by roll call.

SCHOOL

Steve moved to recommend the \$7,904,525 operating budget for the 2012-2013 year. The motion was seconded by Dan. The increase in taxes is \$76,285. There may be more tax dollars after the revaluation is completed. They are anticipating a \$50,000 surplus at the end of the year. That is already taken into account. Charlie stated that with the declining enrollment it would be a good time to start talking with schools in other Towns. John K. feels this budget does not adequately reflect the continued decline in enrollment. He cited staffing levels and the continuing relatively undiminished needs of special education and suggested that an external professional audit be considered regarding the latter. There hasn't been an outside job search in 5 years.

Rich moved to amend the recommend budget to \$7,828,240. That is the suggested budget less the \$76,285 increase to taxes. The motion was seconded by Cliff. Marty stated that he would not recommend the amendment as the \$76,285 amount is arbitrary. There is no specific spending attached to it. This can't be found by cutting expenses. This would affect staffing and 2.3 positions have been reduced already. Cliff, Charlie, & Rich voted Yes. Gary, John K. Dan, Mike, Deb, Bill, Marty, Steve, John Z., and Bayard voted No. The motion failed.

Rich moved to limit discussion. The motion was seconded by Gary. It was voted yes unanimously. The Committee moved to recommend \$7,904,525 for the 2012-2013 operating budget. Cliff, Gary, Dan, Charlie, Rich, Mike, Deb, Bill, Mary, Steve, John Z., and Bayard voted Yes. John K. voted No.

Dan moved to recommend Article 3: To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the School Board and the Chesterfield Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries & benefits:

2012-2013	\$29,406
2013-2014	\$27,744
2014-2015	\$27,290

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,406 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries & benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. The motion was seconded by John Z and passed unanimously.

No action is required by the Budget Committee for Article 4.

Gary moved to recommend Article 5: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate \$105,000 for the reconstruction of the main driveway including drainage, subgrade material, pavement, related curbing and walkways and related expenditures to complete the project, and further to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$105,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund established by voters on March 5, 1994 for such a purpose, or to take any other action in relation thereto. The motion was seconded by Mike. Mike stated that he had talked to Bart and this project seems to be doable for this cost. This amount was derived by the facilities committee. Rich stated that the amount seemed low to him given the cost of asphalt. Gary stated that Poocham Road was repaired for \$150,000 while there was no asphalt it was a much longer stretch of road. If \$105,000 is not enough to complete the project then the project can wait another year. Cliff, Gary John K., Dan, Charlie, Rich, Mike, Deb, Bill, Marty, Steve, John Z., and Bayard voted Yes.

Steve moved to recommend Article 6: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,000 for the replacement of the roof of the original sloped roof of the Chesterfield School including installation of a venting system, an ice belt, new shingles and any other costs related to the project and further to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$90,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund established by voters on March 5, 1994 for such a purpose, or to take any other action in relation thereto. The motion was seconded by Gary. It was reported that this was the 3rd time the building had been reroofed within memory. The ventilation needs to be repaired 1st. Dan spoke as a member of the facilities committee. The roof leaks and there are 5 classrooms that are affected every time it rains. There was concern about whether enough funds would be available in the CRF for this expenditure. Only \$31,000 was expended for the lock project, it was estimated for \$38,000. The article could be amended at the floor of the meeting if the School Board feels the estimate is inadequate. The estimate was given by a contractor who currently works at the School. Charlie stated that mold can show up after the repairs are made and the building is sealed costing millions of dollars spent on litigation. Cliff, Gary John K., Dan, Charlie, Rich, Mike, Deb, Bill, Marty, Steve, John Z., and Bayard voted Yes.

Rich moved to recommend Article 7: To see if the District will vote to appropriate and authorize the School Board to transfer up to \$50,000 of its unencumbered funds, if any remain on hand at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2012 to be deposited in the Capital Reserve Fund established by voters on March 5, 1994 for the purpose of major renovation/reconstruction of the school buildings and related costs, or to take any other action in relation thereto. The motion was seconded by Charlie. Cliff stated that there was legislation pending that would automatically

give unencumbered funds back to the School. Marty and Bayard were not in favor of this legislation. Gary stated that a lot of voters felt that these funds should be returned to reduce taxes. Cliff, Gary John K., Dan, Charlie, Rich, Mike, Deb, Bill, Marty, Steve, John Z., and Bayard voted Yes.

Steve moved to recommend Article 8: To see if the District will vote to support the School Board’s recommendations to remove and dispose of the two portable classrooms. The motion was seconded by Dan. Steve stated that this has already been addressed in the budget so the Committee should pass on this article. Charlie and John Z abstained. Cliff, Gary, John K., Dan, Rich, Mike, Deb, Bill, Marty, Steve and Bayard voted to support the School Board on this article.

The monies approved at the meeting can’t be spent until July 1st. Marty passed around the MS-37 for signatures.

TOWN

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Eight Hundred Forty Three Thousand and Three Hundred and Fifty Seven Dollars (\$2,843,357) for the following purposes, or act in any way related thereto.

1. Executive	143,787
2. Elections, Registrations, Vital Stats	54,854
3. Financial Administration	62,448
4. Legal Expense	25,000
5. Personnel Administration	400,950
6. Planning Board	14,800
7. Board of Adjustment	5,650
8. General Government Buildings	48,015
9. Cemeteries	49,595
10. General Insurance	58,500
11. Regional Association (SWRPC)	4,000
12. Police	386,970
13. Police Reimbursable Detail	25,000
14. Ambulance	72,750
15. Code Enforcement	30,600
16. Office of Emergency Management	22,365
17. Forest Fires	6,000
18. Highway/Town Road Maintenance	756,573
19. Street Lighting	20,000
20. Solid Waste	210,626
21. Health Officer	1,800
22. Animal Control	1,650
23. Other Health (Hepatitis B Shots)	300
24. General Assistance	25,000
25. Parks and Recreation	83,800
26. Library	129,374
27. Patriotic Purposes	500
28. Conservation Commission	3,750

29. Debt Service
TOTAL

198,700
2,843,357

Gary moved to recommend \$2,843,357. The motion was seconded by Dan. The Selectboard asked the library not to replace a full-time employee that retired last year. They have covered the position with part-timers. However, 5 library employees are eligible for step raises this year.

Mike asked about the Conservation Commission's \$190,000 in the fund. The fund was set up by vote of the Town for the purpose of buying land. The Commission has asked permission from the Selectboard prior to using the funds. Per the RSA's for Conservation Commissions they are authorized to spend the funds for projects. Cliff stated that the Commission has received thousands of dollars in grants. They do a lot of work for the \$3,750 in the budget. The Commission expended \$16,000 to Moosewood Ecological for the NRI. There is an ad hoc group that is concerned about what steps can be taken next with the NRI. There will be a public hearing for the Commission to expend \$100,000 for the permanent protection of 300 acres on the Colony property. Forecastle Timber is purchasing the land for \$200,000. Timber Taxes will be paid to the Town. The entire easement will cost around \$500,000. Steve argued that the Commission is adequately funded without contribution from the Town. Marty stated that the operating budget is for expenditures that can't come out of the fund such as administrative expenses and secretarial services for their meetings. Mike Wiggin reported that they had to break the locks on the gates to get access to brush fires. Gary wondered if the \$5,000 for the Milfoil Prevention Program should be part of the budget as it is expended annually. John K reported that the Friends of the Gorge does not receive any funding from the Commission. The Commission has been using their influence to get picnic tables donated for the Gorge. Steve moved to reduce the budget by \$3,750 designated to the Conservation Commission. The motion was seconded by Bill. Cliff stated that the Commission had wanted to purchase the Chickering property and the Selectboard asked them not to pursue the project. The property is currently before the Planning Board as a cluster development. The Committee discussed that the Selectboard ultimately has final say over the budget line. Cliff, Gary, John K., Dan, Rich, Bill, Marty, John Z., and Bayard voted No. Steve voted Yes. Charlie, Mike & Deb abstained. The motion failed.

The Committee voted on Article 4 as submitted. Steve voted No. Cliff, Gary, John K., Dan, Charlie, Rich, Mike, Deb, Bill, Marty, John Z., and Bayard voted Yes. The recommendation passed.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Sixty Six Thousand One Hundred Nine Dollars (\$266,109) for the purpose of resurfacing Town roads, or act in any way related thereto. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:10 I (d). There were 11 miles of roads not completed last year due to weather and high asphalt prices. There is \$31,000 left over from last year to complete those projects.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Nine Thousand Dollars (\$79,000) to be added to the already established Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) to purchase a new 19,000 GVW Truck with Body and Plows for the Highway Department and authorize the withdrawal of up to Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose, said amount to be offset by the amount received from the trade-in or sale of the existing 2001 F550 Highway Truck, or act in any way related thereto. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:10 I (d).

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the already established Roadways Construction/Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

Rich moved to recommend Article 5,6,7 & 8. The motion was seconded by Dan. Cliff, Gary, John K., Dan, Charlie, Rich, Mike, Deb, Bill, Marty, Steve, John Z., and Bayard voted Yes.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the already established Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) for a complete revaluation and to purchase assessing software upgrade and authorize the withdrawal of up to One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) from the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the revaluation is completed or by December 31, 2014, whichever is sooner, or act in any way related thereto.

Rich moved to recommend Article 9 & 10. The motion was seconded by Gary. Cliff, Gary, John K., Dan, Charlie, Rich, Mike, Deb, Bill, Marty, Steve, John Z., and Bayard voted Yes.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000) for the purpose of the deconstruction of the town-owned building located at 400 Route 9A, or act in any way related thereto. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:10 I (d). Dan moved to recommend Article 11. The motion was seconded by Cliff. Gary thought this kind of project could wait another year. Cliff stated that this is a project that the Selectboard has delayed a couple of years already. John Z. moved to recommend the words “up to” be included in the motion. The motion was seconded by Gary and passed unanimously. Article 11 was voted on as amended. Charlie abstained. Cliff, Gary, John K., Dan, Rich, Mike, Deb, Bill, Marty, Steve, John Z., and Bayard voted Yes. The motion passed by majority.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Town Hall Annex Renovations and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in this fund. Gary moved to recommend Article 12. The motion was seconded by Dan. Mike asked if it would be better to make lots of smaller CRF’s or if there should be 1 CRF for all Town Buildings. There were so many CRF’s that the Town might be limiting itself too much. Rich stated that the Town is repairing old buildings and building new ones. It is time to let some of the older buildings go. The Selectboard is looking at 3 options: \$155,000 to renovate in place; \$215,000 to rebuild the kitchen and bathroom; \$80,000 to rebuild the bathroom only and a corridor to the Town Hall. Dan stated that there is no way to make a plan without \$\$ to spend. Marty stated that it is clear that something needs to be done. It can’t stay the way it is indefinitely. Bayard, Charlie, Rich, Bill, Steve and John Z. voted No. Cliff, Gary, John K., Dan, Mike, Deb & Marty voted Yes. The motion passed by majority.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Town Office Building maintenance and to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in this fund. Dan moved to recommend Article 13. The motion was seconded by Gary. The Committee discussed whether the word “office” should be removed from the article. The Town does not maintain any of the Ware’s Grove buildings. The Committee didn’t want to create problems by re-writing articles. This should be an issue to discuss with Selectboard in the off season. Cliff stated that there is work that needs to be done to the Town Office building now. The thermostats need to be relocated. The Committee asked if it should be an expendable trust that the Selectboard has the ability to spend? Cliff, Gary, John K., Dan, Deb, Bill, Marty and John Z. voted Yes. Bayard, Charlie, Rich, Mike & Steve voted No. The motion passed by majority.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) to be added to the already established Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$4,200) for the purchase of a Digital Cruiser Mounted Radio for the Police Department and authorize the withdrawal of up to Four Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$4,200) from the Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose, or act in any way related thereto. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:10 I (d).

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) for computer upgrades at the Police Department and authorize the withdrawal of up to One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) from the Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose, or act in any way related thereto. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:10 I (d).

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the already established Library Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

John Z. moved to recommend Article 14, 15, 16 & 17. The motion was seconded by Cliff. Cliff, Gary, John K., Dan, Charlie, Rich, Mike, Deb, Bill, Marty, Steve, John Z. and Bayard voted Yes.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to the already established Parks and Rec Building Capital Reserve Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to be added to the already established Parks and Rec Pickup Truck Expendable Trust Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) to be added to the already established Wares Grove Trees Expendable Trust Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

Rich moved to recommend Article 18, 19 & 20. The motion was seconded by Cliff. Cliff, Gary, John K., Dan, Charlie, Rich, Mike, Deb, Bill, Marty, Steve, John Z., and Bayard voted Yes.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable general fund trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Parks & Recreation Activities Enhancements Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of starting new or enhancing existing programs and activities mid-year at the Parks and Recreation Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Forty Six Dollars (\$2,046) to be placed in this fund. And further, to see if the Town will vote to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund, or act in any way related thereto. Dan moved to recommend Article 21. The motion was seconded by Gary. Steve stated that this was revenue provided by the Parks & Rec and should go back to the taxpayer. These funds would be used to get new programs started before they become self-sustaining. Mike moved to limit discussion. The motion was seconded by Gary and passed unanimously. Bayard, Dan & Steve voted No. Cliff, Gary, John K., Charlie, Rich, Mike, Deb, Bill, Marty & John Z. voted Yes.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) to the already established Outdoor Court Capital Reserve Fund, or act in any way related thereto. Dan moved to recommend Article 22. The motion was seconded by Charlie. There is \$5,000 in the CRF. The court was re-done around \$1,300 every 6 years. The perimeter fence could be replaced. Bayard, Dan & Steve voted No. Cliff, Gary, John K., Charlie, Rich, Mike, Deb, Bill, Marty & John Z voted Yes.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) to the already established Wildland Fire Suppression Expendable Trust Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be added to the already established Cemetery Truck Replacement Expendable Trust Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be added to the already established Cemetery Mower Replacement Expendable Trust Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

Marty moved to recommend Article 23,24 & 25. The motion was seconded by Gary. Cliff, Gary, John K., Dan, Charlie, Rich, Mike, Deb, Bill, Marty, Steve, John Z., and Bayard voted Yes.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Nine Dollars (\$23,809) to support the following, or act in any way related thereto. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:10 I (d).

Chesterfield Senior Meals program	300
Home Health, Meals on Wheels and Age in Motion	8,258
Monadnock Family Services/Mental Health	4,711
Community Kitchen	7,000
Youth Services	140
Southwestern Community Services	1,700
Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice	500
Drop In Center	200
Monadnock Child Advocacy Center	1,000
TOTAL	23,809

Dan moved Article 26. The motion was seconded by Gary. These organizations need to demonstrate that they serve Chesterfield Residents. However, the funds do not all necessarily go to Town Residents. Bayard & Steve voted No in memory of Warren Porter. Cliff, Gary, John K., Dan, Charlie, Rich, Mike, Deb, Bill, Marty, and John Z voted Yes.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Town Office Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2001. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the town's general fund. Gary moved to recommend Article 27. The motion was seconded by Dan. The general fund is usually used to reduce taxes. Cliff, Gary, John K., Dan, Charlie, Rich, Mike, Deb, Bill, Marty, Steve & John Z. voted Yes.

Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Precinct

Article 4: To see if the Precinct will vote to raise & appropriate the sum of \$113,262 for the following purposes or act in any way related thereto:

Administrative Expenses	\$ 500
Building Maintenance & Upgrade	\$ 1,500
Small Equipment	\$ 7,000
Small Equipment Repair	\$ 3,500
Fire Prevention Program	\$ 200
Insurance	\$10,848
Training & Dues	\$ 5,450
Payroll & other related expenses	\$25,149
Worker's Compensation	\$ 1,537
Audit Expenses	\$ 2,650
Contracted Services	\$ 2,500
Rescue Supplies	\$ 1,600
Electricity	\$ 3,510
Heating Oils	\$ 5,220
Propane	\$ 3,147
Telephone	\$ 1,000
Gas & Diesel Fuel	\$ 3,500
Equipment Repairs & Maintenance	\$14,000
Hepatitis B, TB Flu Inoculations	\$ 100
Mutual Aid Payment	\$20,351

Marty moved Article 4. The motion was seconded by Steve. The budget is up \$629 less the Mutual Aid Payment. Small Equipment in the budget are disposable items. Small Equipment CRF are planned purchases. A couple of years ago the Precinct filled out a form incorrectly which overexpended the fund. It has taken a couple of years to build the fund balance back up. Seventy to Eighty Percent of the calls are medical. Cliff reported that one client called 18 times and refused transfer every time. There was a medical emergency prior to the meeting. It took over 20 minutes for a Keene ambulance to arrive. If it had been a cardiac emergency it would have been too long. There are 1600 households served in the Town. Bayard stated that this is still a no growth environment. Cliff, Gary, John K., Dan, Charlie, Rich, Mike, Deb, Bill, Marty, Steve, John Z., and Bayard voted Yes.

Article 5: To see if the Precinct will vote to raise & appropriate the sum of \$57,881 to be added to the already established CF&R Precinct Heavy Equipment CRF, or act in any way related thereto. John Z. moved to recommend Article 5. The motion was seconded by Gary. Cliff, Gary, John K., Dan, Charlie, Rich, Mike, Deb, Bill, Marty, Steve, John Z. and Bayard voted Yes.

Article 6: To see if the Precinct will vote to raise & appropriate the sum of \$11,221 to be added to the already established CF&R Precinct Small Equipment CRF, or act in any way related thereto. \$11,221 to come from December 31st surplus. Gary moved to recommend Article 6. The motion was seconded by Dan. Bayard & Steve voted No. Cliff, Gary, John K., Dan, Charlie, Rich, Mike, Deb, Bill, Marty and John Z voted Yes.

Article 7: To see if the Precinct will vote to raise & appropriate the sum of \$4,299 for the purchase of personal protective gear and to further authorize the withdrawal of up to \$4,299 from the CF&R Precinct

Small Equipment CRF, or act in any way related thereto. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:10 I(d).

Article 8: To see if the Precinct will vote to raise & appropriate the sum of \$3,014 for the purchase of hose and to further authorize the withdrawal of up to \$3,014 from the CF&R Precinct CRF, or act in any way related thereto. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:10 I(d).

Article 9: To see if the Precinct will vote to raise & appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for the purchase of a Lifepak CR Plus Defibrillator and to further authorize the withdrawal of up to \$2,500 from the CF&R Precinct Small Equipment CRF, or act in any way related thereto. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:10I(d).

Marty moved Article 7, 8 & 9. The motion was seconded by Steve. Cliff, Gary, John K., Dan, Charlie, Rich, Mike, Deb, Bill, Marty, John Z., and Bayard voted Yes.

Article 10: To see if the Precinct will vote to raise & appropriate the sum of \$32,338 for the purchase of a Lifepak 15 Cardiac Monitor with Automated External Defibrillator (AED) capabilities, funding for this purchase will be from a grant in the amount of up to \$32,338 and a balance not to exceed \$16,169 to come with the CF&R Precinct Small Equipment CRF, or act in any way related thereto. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:10I (d). This article is contingent on the receipt of the grant(s). No money to be raised from taxation. Gary moved Article 10. The motion was seconded by Dan. Cliff, Gary, John K., Dan, Charlie, Rich, Mike, Deb, Bill, Marty, John Z., and Bayard voted Yes.

Article 11: To see if the Precinct will vote to raise & appropriate the sum \$150,447 for the purchase of 22 Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) units and training for said SCBA's and a Cardiac monition with Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Capabilities, funding for this purchase will be from a grant in the amount of up to \$142,925 and the balance not to exceed \$7,522 to come from the CF&R Precinct Small Equipment CRF, or act in any way related thereto. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:10 I(d). This article is contingent on the receipt of grant(s). No money to be raised from taxation. Steve moved to recommend Article 11. The motion was seconded by Gary. Cliff, Gary, John K., Dan, Charlie, Rich, Mike, Deb, Bill, Marty, John Z., and Bayard voted Yes.

Spofford Fire & Rescue Precinct

Article 4: To see if the District will vote to raise & appropriate \$215,498.

Propane	\$ 200
Telephone	\$ 1,800
Electricity	\$ 7,500
Insurance	\$ 6,000
Worker's Compensation	\$ 1,100
Contracted Expenses	\$ 1,500
Administrative Expenses	\$ 1,200
Rescue Supplies	\$ 1,500
Gas & Diesel Fuel	\$ 1,600
Equipment Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 5,000
Small Equipment Repair	\$ 1,000
Building Maintenance & Upgrade	\$ 1,500
Training & Dues	\$ 5,000
Payroll & other Related Expenses	\$23,028

Small Equipment	\$ 3,000
Fire Prevention Program	\$ 100
Hepatitis B & TB Inoculations	\$ 600
Financial Audit	\$ 2,600
Bond Interest	\$54,056
Bond Principal	\$75,000
Mutual Aid Payment	\$22,214

Steve moved Article 4. The motion was seconded by Gary. Fundraisers for the departments are usually done by the Benefit Associations. Mike stated that the Lobster Bake was profitable. Spofford may do them every other year in the future. Cliff, Gary, John K., Dan, Charlie, Rich, Mike, Deb, Bill, Marty, Steve, John Z. and Bayard voted Yes.

Article 5: To see if the District will vote to raise & appropriate the sum of \$31,600 to be added to the Heavy Equipment CRF previously established. Gary moved to recommend Article 5. The motion was seconded by Steve. Mike stated that the CRF's needed to be reanalyzed this year. The boat is usually a donation. Bayard, Charlie & Rich voted No. Cliff, Gary, John K., Dan, Mike, Deb, Bill, Marty and John Z voted Yes.

Article 6: To see if the District will vote to raise & appropriate the sum of \$11,800 to be added to the Small Equipment CRF previously established.

Article 7: To see if the District will vote to raise & appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be added to the Spofford Water Hole Expendable Trust.

Article 8: To see if the District will vote to raise & appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be added to the Catastrophic Emergency Expendable Trust Fund previously established.

Article 9: To see if the District will vote to raise & appropriate the sum of \$6,105 to purchase Fire Gear & Radios and authorize the withdrawal of \$6,105 from the existing Small Equipment CRF created for that purpose.

Steve moved to recommend Article 6, 7, 8 and 9. The motion was seconded by Dan. Cliff, Gary, John K., Dan, Charlie, Rich, Mike, Deb, Bill, Marty, Steve, John Z., and Bayard voted Yes.

Article 10: To see if the District will vote to raise & appropriate the sum of \$11,275 to purchase Fire Gear to replace outdated gear. Steve moved to recommend Article 10. The motion was seconded by Dan. Cliff, Gary, John K., Dan, Charlie, Rich, Mike, Deb, Bill, Marty, Steve, John Z. and Bayard voted Yes.

Article 11: To see if the District will vote to discontinue the New Firehouse CRF previously established. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the District's general fund.

Article 12: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,900 to be added to the Building Maintenance Expendable Trust previously established. This sum to come from December 31st fund balance available for transfer on January 1st. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Steve moved to recommend Article 11 & 12. The motion was seconded by John Z.. Cliff, Gary, John K., Dan, Charlie, Rich, Mike, Deb, Bill, Marty, Steve, John Z., and Bayard voted Yes.

Article 13: To see if the District will vote to raise & appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to purchase fire hose and accessories for the new fire truck. This sum to come from December 31st fund balance available for transfer on January 1st. No amount to be raised from taxation. Gary moved to recommend Article 13. The motion was seconded by Steve. Cliff, Gary, John K., Dan, Charlie, Rich, Mike, Deb, Bill, Marty, Steve, John Z., and Bayard voted Yes.

Article 14: To see if the District will vote to raise & appropriate the sum of up to \$7,560 for the purchase of pagers. Funding for this purpose will be from a Grant in the amount of up to \$7,182 of the cost and the balance from general taxation or in any way related thereto. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:10 I(d). Gary moved to recommend Article 14. The motion was seconded by Dan. Cliff, Gary, John K., Dan, Charlie, Rich, Mike, Deb, Bill, Marty, Steve, John Z. and Bayard voted Yes.

The School District Meeting is March 10th at 7 PM. The Town Meeting is March 13th at 6:30 PM. The deadline to sign up for officers is Friday January 25th. The Town Clerk is open special hours from 3 to 5. Paperwork should be available for signature in the Selectmen's Office Monday through Thursday 8 AM to 4 PM. The Town Clerk is open Monday and Wednesday 9 AM to 1 PM and Monday and Thursday from 5 PM to 8 PM. The Town & Precincts should let the Committee know when the paperwork is available. The next meeting will be February 28th to discuss presentation at the Meetings. The meeting adjourned at 11:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine
Secretary