TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD
BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 18, 2014

Present: Bayard Tracy, Chairman; Carol Wheeler, Susan Newcomer, Dan Cotter, Steve Buckley, Spofford Fire Precinct Representative; Rick Cooper, Chester Fire & Rescue Precinct Representative; Jon McKeon, Selectboard Representative; John Koopmann (arrived at 7:30 PM)

Absent: Marty Mahoney, Steve Laskowski, Rich Kalich, Judy Idelkope, Charlie Perry

Bayard called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM

Dan moved to approve October 21st minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Rick and passed unanimously.

Library – Jane Anderson and Ken Walton were present. The Committee reviewed the Budget. Roof has been completed within Budget. The Selectboard will be Requesting Proposals prior to setting the budget for the Parking Lot Repair.

Police – Duane Chickering was present. The Committee reviewed the Budget. Overall budget is up $65,500. The number of calls are higher than the same time last year. Duane would like to implement a few new programs. The Department is anticipating being short by 2 full-time officers in January. A new Part-Time officer will graduate from the Academy on Friday, but will not have completed training until August. Jon stated that Chesterfield is competitive with other Towns of similar size, but not competitive with Keene or NH State Police.

Duane discussed the need to increase vehicle maintenance for summer & winter tires as well as a spare and synthetic oil. There are warrant articles to purchase a new cruiser, server and handguns.

Town - Voting for officers is scheduled for Tuesday March 10th and Meeting for both Town and School is scheduled for Saturday, March 14th.

Other – The next meeting is December 16th. The Committee tentatively scheduled meetings for January 6th, January 13th, January 20th, and January 27th. The Public Hearing is scheduled for February 7th. Tentatively Deliberations are scheduled for February 10th and 11th.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine

Secretary