

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD
BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 27, 2015**

Present: Bayard Tracy, Chairman; Marty Mahoney, School Board Representative; Steve Laskowski, Carole Wheeler, Dan Cotter, Selectboard Representative; Charlie Perry (departed at 8:25 PM), Rick Cooper, Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Precinct Representative; Gary Winn, Rich Kalich (arrived at 7:44 PM).

Absent: Sue Newcomer, John Koopmann, Steve Buckley, Spofford Fire Precinct Representative

Steve moved September 1st minutes for discussion. The motion was seconded by Carole.

A). The Loan for the Spofford Fire Station from NHMBB was refinanced. This results in \$44,240 reduction in interest. The balance is \$825,000 and will mature on 8/15/2026.

B). Jon McKeon was present to discuss the contribution amount to the Building Maintenance Fund. The Selectboard will propose an amount. Ken Walton was present as a resident to discuss the Library being combined with the Town. The Selectboard and the Library Trustees will meet at a later time.

C). Bayard did meet with Peter Fiorello about Camp Spofford.

Carole moved to approve September 1st minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Rick. The motion passed by majority. Dan abstained.

Bayard stated that the Budget Committee policy is never to reply all to e-mail messages.

School – Marty introduced Janel Swanson, Business Administrator for Towns; Ege Cordell, School Board Chairman; and Sharyn D'Eon, Principal. Marty stated that the School Board has a vacancy. Janel presented the final report for June 30, 2015. HS Regular Tuition is over-expended because several students opted out of Special Instruction at age 18. Special HS Tuition correspondingly went down. There is \$318,699 to be returned for taxes. The balance in the Capital Reserve Fund is \$35,378.26. There was a discussion about updating the Capital Improvements Plan for the school. Members of the committee expressed concern that surplus funds were spent without approval at the March Annual School District Meeting.

Vacancy – A list of candidates for the Budget Committee vacancy was provided. Marty moved to nominate Norm Vancor. The motion was seconded by Dan and passed unanimously.

Town – The Committee would like the Police Chief and the Road Agent to come to the next meeting. The Committee reviewed Debt Service, Forest Fires, Zoning Board, Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Code Enforcement, Health Officer, Financial Administration, Police, Animal Control, Executive, Cemetery and Highway.

Chesterfield Fire – The Fire Pond has been completed. The SCBA's from the Federal Grant have been received.

The next meeting will be November 17th at 7 PM. Steve moved to adjourn at 9:07 PM. The motion was seconded by Dan and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy LaFontaine, Secretary