

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD
BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 15, 2015**

Present: Bayard Tracy, Chairman; Steve Laskowski, Carole Wheeler, John Koopmann, Norm Vancor, Charlie Perry, Dan Cotter, Selectboard Representative; Steve Buckley, Spofford Fire Precinct Representative; Sue Newcomer, Gary Winn, Rick Cooper, Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Precinct Representative (arrived at 7:40 PM).

Absent: Marty Mahoney, School Board Representative; and Rich Kalich.

Tracy called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Wheeler moved to approve November 17th as amended. The motion was seconded by Cotter and passed unanimously.

The date of February 6th was suggested for the public hearing. Cotter and Perry will not be able to attend that date. The School will be first at 1 PM. The Town will be at 3 PM.

The School will be scheduled for January 19th and the 26th. The Committee decided to release the January 5th date. Meetings are now scheduled for the January 12th, 19th and 26th with February 2nd as a possibility before the hearing.

School –Tracy presented the Budget Status to date. There is a net available of \$184,010. The proposed administration's budget should be down to \$8,165,000 or 2.3%.

Parks & Rec – Erik Barnes, Chairman Parks & Rec Commission & Dewey Auger were present. There is an increasing budget and increasing revenue. The Commission is proposing to increase daily fees. The non-resident fee cannot exceed twice the amount charged to a resident per Department of Resources and Economic Development. The pay rates for lifeguards are up. The Commission is adding a ½ day rate for beach users. The extra stipend for the director will go away once the house is repaired hopefully in early May. Several members indicated a desire for some of the proceeds from Soccer, Basketball, Baseball and Field Hockey to be applied to the budget. There was a discussion about the benefits and disadvantages of a full-time parks & rec Director. Barnes promised that the budget would break even this year.

Town – Rick Carrier reported that the Financial Administration budget was still a Draft and the presented budget is a worst case scenario. Keene Ambulance budget increased by 28%.

The Committee would like to meet with the Library on January 26th.

Winn reviewed the Right to Know workshop: Availability of Draft minutes; Attendance of Members by Conference Call; BCC on e-mails to prevent reply all.

Tracy announced that Town Meeting and School District Meeting will be on the same day on March 12th.

Cotter moved to adjourn at 9:10 PM. The motion was seconded by Cooper and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine
Secretary