

TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD, NH
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
October 25, 2016

Present: Bayard Tracy, Chairman; Rick Cooper, Chesterfield Fire Rep.; Steve Laskowski; Carole Wheeler; Doug Foster; Dan Cotter; John Koopmann; Dave Smith, Gary Winn; Brad Roscoe, Selectmen Rep.; Cathy Harvey, School Board Rep.

Absent: Chris Babcock, Spofford Fire Rep.

Others: Rick Carrier, Town Administrator

Tracy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Tracy announced that Susan Newcomer has resigned from the Committee. Introductions were made. Smith noted that Bill Bucknell is interested in filling the vacancy. No action taken.

Minutes: *Cotter made a motion, seconded by Wheeler to review the minutes of September 20, 2016. Cotter made a motion, seconded by Cooper to accept the minutes of September 20, 2016 as amended. Vote was in the affirmative to accept as amended.*

Tracy requested that Harvey provide information on school budget changes, what they are and why they were changed. Cotter noted that the information is for the current budget.

Town: Carrier noted that there were no significant changes, either expenses or revenues, since the September 20 meeting. Carrier presented 2016 Preliminary Tax Rate showing total rate of 21.26 before Fire Precinct rates. Based on 2015 revenues that were more than anticipated and expenses that were not spent in 2015, the town had \$220,000 available to return to the tax payers.

Fire Dept.: Cooper is still working on the budget. Babcock is working on getting grants. Cotter requested that Babcock send another representative when he will be absent at the meetings. Tracy requested more formal written materials be presented to the committee.

Debt Service: Principal – level funded; total Debt Service -3.2%

Forest Fires: Level funded

Zoning Board: Up 49.6% due to more applications, more meetings, more hours

Conservation Commission: Level funded

Planning Board: -4.1% due to less applications

Executive Budget: -4.2% due to -38.5% internet/telephone, -68% Supervisor of Checklist, -65.0% office equipment, -40.0% Homeland Security Grants

Highway Dept., Solid Waste, Police Dept.: To be presented at the November meeting

Cemeteries: -2.4% due to hours on salaries, one less employee; requesting \$2,500/Truck Expendable Trust & \$2,500/Mower Expendable Trust

Next meeting scheduled: November 15, 2016

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Pat Grace, Secretary