

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD
BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 20, 2016**

Present: Bayard Tracy, Chairman; Dan Cotter, Dave Smith, Carole Wheeler, John Koopmann, Steve Laskowski, Chris Babcock, Spofford Fire Precinct Representative; Gary Winn, Vice Chairman; Rick Cooper, Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Precinct, Brad Roscoe, Selectboard Representative

Absent: Sue Newcomer and Doug Foster

Steve moved to approve May 24th minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Dan and passed unanimously.

School – Ege presented June 30, 2016 Fiscal School Year End Report. There is \$299,308 to reduce taxes. The budget estimated \$260,000. There are 76 new students this year. The number of students in the budget was 252. There are 297 currently enrolled. Only 1 kindergarten was in the budget, but the number of students requires 2. It was necessary to add 2 additional one on one aides. The Capital Reserve Balance is \$110,618.03 and Expendable Trust Fund Balance is \$162,863.36. Gary asked about the dishwasher and inability to install it over the summer. The audit will begin next week. Cathy Harvey will be the School Board Representative to the budget committee.

Town- The Town expenses are over budget on the Elections/Registrations budget due to the State increasing motor vehicle fees by \$1.00 paid to the Town Clerk. Legal expenses are up. Code Enforcement Officer hours are increasing due to building permits. Forest Fires is up. Registration income is up about 8%. Code Enforcement revenue is up due to building permits. Parks & Rec did have income around \$120,000, but the weather was almost perfect.

Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Precinct – Rick Cooper reported that the Precinct was awarded the Grant for Gear and a Cascade. The Department had interviewed companies and chose Globe for the gear and Scott for the Cascade. The testing company broke the ladder when it was tested in the spring and it is not back in service yet.

Spofford Fire & Rescue – Chris Babcock reported that the Precinct did not get approved for the Communications Grant. They missed the Local Grant with Chesterfield and Westmoreland by ½ %. Chris also stated that the insurance carriers for both districts had changed due to the closure of Property Liability Trust.

The next meeting will be October 25th. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine
Secretary