

Chairman Shaw called the meeting to order at 6:30pm in the Town Hall.

Present: Almann, Carrier, Ebbighausen, Hartnett, Kennedy, Klein, Major, Schill, Shaw, Smith, Zavorotny.

Excused:

Absent:

This was joint discussion with the Selectmen and School Board to continue discussion of the upcoming budget cycle. Town Administrator Collins, Assistant Superintendent Crisafulli and Assistant Business Manager O'Connor also attended.

Ms. Collins distributed a schedule of events which must take place leading up to the March Town Meeting. She also passed out the forms which have been sent to department heads. Plans call for a CIP review July 28, 2010 and she has scheduled August 17, 2010 as the date for completion of initial requests. There was some discussion around the process to be used. The preliminary decision is to have her scan them as the Selectmen review and send to Budget Committee members. Expectation is that this would start during October.

Dr. Crisafulli outlined the situation with the School District budgets. He and Mr. O'Connor feel that it will be possible to estimate people costs early in the fall, but State funding and miscellaneous spending requirements will be more difficult to determine. He feels the final budget process will be moving into the January, 2011 time frame. Another thing which will influence the process is the vote to withdraw from the Monadnock regional system. That is planned for October, pending State approval.

Mr. Hartnett presented a schedule draft for discussion. That aligns pretty well with the earlier discussed schedules. He also feels that a target should be established. Meaning what do we expect the tax rate impact to be. Can we afford a higher rate, do we need to reduce the rate, etc. An ad-hoc committee was formed to discuss these issues. Members are; Selectmen; Bellville, Ebbighausen, Schill; School Board; Kennedy and she will plan to contact other members; Budget Committee; Hartnett, Schill, Zavorotny. Any others are free to join. It was decided to have a short scheduling meeting following the CIP meeting on July 28, 2010.

Ms. Collins outlined several grants which have been received for the Fire Truck, Police Cruiser and Highway garage generator. These amount to \$219,000. Also, the State will be granting a 1.9% interest rate loan for the well and will forgive some \$56,000 of that loan.

The sewer work has been expanded somewhat as some of the pipe can be lined instead of replacing which freed up some of the appropriated funds.

Ms. Schill and Selectman Schill presented information on the local tax burden compared to other New Hampshire towns. How to use this information was discussed, but no conclusion reached.

Ms. Schill also distributed copies of information from the DRA which summarizes the Budget Committee responsibilities.

The Selectmen are meeting with DRA representatives Monday, July 26, 2010 at 5:30 to discuss the transition to a fiscal year. They have recommended that Budget Committee members attend.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Peter W. Zavorotny
Recording Secretary