

Vice Chairman Major called the meeting to order at 6:30pm in the Town Hall.  
Present: Almann, Ebbighausen, Hartnett, Klein, Major, Schill, Smith, Zavorotny.  
Excused: Carrier, Kennedy(School Board), Shaw  
Absent: None

Minutes for meeting 590 were accepted as printed.

Additional budgets approved by the Selectmen were reviewed. Note, amounts shown are (1) Six month budget, (2) Twelve month budget (3) Eighteen month total.

**Highway Department:** Administration (1) \$206,983, (2) \$403,215, (3) \$610,198. The gasoline line had been reduced by \$300. Mr. Hartnett moved to tentatively approve all amounts. Second was by Ms. Schill and passage unanimous. Highways and Streets (1) \$81,433, (2) \$160,650, (3) \$242,100. Mr. Zavorotny moved tentative approval of all amounts. Ms. Schill seconded and passage was unanimous. The totals are (1) \$288,433, (2) \$563,865, (3) \$852,298.

**Library:** The Selectmen had reduced \$3,000 for a data entry clerk. New amounts are (1) \$22,083, (2) \$42,925, (3) \$65,008. Mr. Smith moved tentative approval of all amounts. Ms. Schill seconded and passage was unanimous.

**Wastewater Treatment Plant:** Earlier budgets included an error. This has been corrected resulting in an increase of \$900. New amounts are (1) \$144,260, (2) \$339,410, (3) \$483,672. Ms. Schill moved tentative approval of the corrected amounts. Mr. Ebbighausen seconded and passage was unanimous.

**Revenue:** No major concerns were voiced. (1) \$462,883, (2) \$1,284,240, (3) \$1,747,123. Mr. Zavorotny moved tentative approval of all amounts. Ms. Schill seconded and passage was unanimous.

Articles were then discussed and acted on as follows:

**Article 6 Sidewalk Repair:** \$50,000. For repair of the raised section by Plain Road. To be funded from the reserve. Ms. Schill moved to Recommend. Mr. Hartnett seconded and passage was unanimous.

**Article 7 Monument Road Capital Reserve Fund:** To add \$50,000 to the current reserve. The design phase is expected to cost about \$150,000. Currently the reserve has a balance of \$50,000. Mr. Smith moved to Recommend. Ms. Schill seconded. The motion carried with Mr. Zavorotny abstaining.

**Article 8 Police Station Reserve:** To establish a reserve and initially add \$25,000. The Selectmen feel strongly they need to start this process, and consider \$25,000 the absolute minimum starting amount. Discussion centered around what and where to build. There was no doubt about the need. Mr. Smith moved to Recommend. Ms. Schill seconded. The motion carried with Mr. Zavorotny abstaining.

**Article 9 Expendable Trust for Fire Department Personal Protective Equipment:** Intent is to establish a revolving trust to replace gear in steps. \$13,900. This is in addition to routine needs included in the operating budget. Mr. Zavorotny moved to Recommend. Second was by Mr. Smith and passage unanimous.

**Article 10 Expendable Trust for Fire Department Breathing Apparatus:** Intent is to establish a revolving trust to replace equipment in steps. \$16,000. This is in addition to routine needs included in the operating budget. Mr. Hartnett moved to Recommend. Second was by Mr. Ebbighausen and passage unanimous.

**Article 11 Brattleboro to Hinsdale Bus Service:** The DRA disallowed the article passed in 2010 due to a wording question. This article corrects that problem. \$15,500. Mr. Zavorotny moved to Recommend. Second was by Mr. Hartnett and passage was unanimous.

**Article 12 Backhoe Expendable Trust:** \$10,000, \$5,000 funded from taxes and \$5,000 from water rents. Intent is to purchase a new machine in the future. The expendable trust will allow the Selectmen to make that purchase at their discretion if the reserve holds adequate funds. Mr. Zavorotny moved to Recommend. Second was by Mr. Hartnett and passage was unanimous.

**Article 13 Library Parking Lot:** \$10,000. Complete rebuild of the parking lot. Mr. Major noted that though it is badly cracked, there are no holes, etc. and it could be put off for another year. This article has not been acted upon by the Selectmen and may be dropped from the final warrant. Ms. Schill moved to Not Recommend. Mr. Klein seconded. The motion carried with Mr. Ebbighausen abstaining.

**Article 14 Community Center Building Improvement Fund:** \$5,000 to be funded from year-end undesignated fund balance so does not affect the tax rate. Intent is to add to the existing reserve. Mr. Hartnett moved to Recommend. Mr. Smith seconded and passage was unanimous.

**Article 15 Library Data Entry Clerk:** \$2,808. To fund a position for one year to complete the cataloguing of Hinsdale's holdings in state files. This article has not been acted upon by the Selectmen. Mr. Hartnett moved to Recommend and Ms. Schill seconded. The motion carried with members Ebbighausen and Zavorotny abstaining.

Ms. Collins outlined the expected impact on the tax rate and the quarterly billing process. The Town share can be expected to increase about \$2.50 for 2011 and then drop back in 2012. Plan is to have a simplified handout available at Town Meeting.

The next meeting was scheduled for February 2, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. Just prior to the Public Hearings scheduled for Town at 7:00 and School at 7:30.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Peter W. Zavorotny  
Recording Secretary