

Chairman Shaw called the meeting to order at 7:00pm in the Town Hall.

Present: Almann, Conroy, Hartnett, Kennedy, L. Major, Schill, Shaw, Zavorotny.

Excused: Carrier, Klein,

Absent: Rideout,

Mr. Schill moved to accept the minutes for meetings 598 as printed. Second was by Mr. Major and passage unanimous.

Mr. Schill brought the committee up to date on the Town budgeting process. Packages are being worked through by department heads and the Town Administrator. They are due to the Selectmen on October 24. The Selectmen are planning to review the full salaries, health insurance and dental package with an eye toward overall cost. They are looking to a no increase budget for the 2012 to 2013 period.

Town budget packages are due to the Budget Committee November 16, 2011.

Ms. Kennedy advised that the School Board is expecting their first review of the 2012-2013 budget Thursday evening. They will be starting negotiations with Support Staff as that contract will be running out.

It was requested that District budgets be submitted to the Budget Committee on January 11, 2012 with meeting between the committee and board on January 25, 2012.

There was discussion as to whether the joint meeting with Selectmen, School Board and Budget Committee held last year was beneficial. The consensus was that it was and should be repeated. Mr. Hartnett commented that that discussion should help to put us all on the same page as to expected spending levels. That meeting was proposed for October 27, 2011 at 7:00 in the Town Hall pending agreement by the School Board and Selectmen.

The Public Hearing was scheduled for February 8, 2012. This will allow time for completion of necessary budget forms.

The next meeting was scheduled for October 27, 2011 at 7:00 in the Town Hall. This will be the joint meeting noted above.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Peter W. Zavorotny
Recording Secretary