

Present: Bruce Bellville, Michael Carrier, Joseph Conroy, John Hartnett, Morris Klein, James MacDonell, Lewis Major, Tina McCosker, Bernard Rideout, Peter Zavorotny

Excused: Dorianne Almann

Absent:

Mr. Zavorotny called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall.

Mr. Major moved and Mr. Rideout seconded to approve the minutes for meeting 610. The motion carried with members Bellville and Klein abstaining.

Town and School District expenses and income for the eighteen month budgets completed on June 30<sup>th</sup> were discussed. There may be some minor adjustments coming, but both were favorable. The School District expects a surplus of about \$100,000 and the Town close to \$200,000. Mr. Rideout noted that the Selectmen anticipate a 2012 tax rate to be about \$3.00 lower than the current level.

There have been some large abatements resulting from court actions, but the Selectmen had prepared for these by holding a larger than normal surplus in the General Fund.

There was extensive discussion of the need to keep expenses in line. Mr. Conroy noted that even with the anticipated lower rate, Hinsdale is still high compared to many other towns.

The tour of Highway, Wastewater Treatment and Fire Department was discussed. Many members feel that some departments need to scale back their plans. Every town cannot afford to have all equipment to cover every anticipated scenario. Cooperation between communities is imperative to keep costs from escalating beyond our means.

The School District was also discussed with possible closer ties to Winchester being a possibility. Some Winchester residents are not pleased with the relationship with Keene.

These types of interactions need to be pursued in order to keep costs under control.

Mr. Zavorotny proposed a schedule for the Public Hearing of February 6, 2013. Mr. Carrier moved to set that date. Second was by Mr. Conroy and passage was unanimous. Specific times will be determined. The committee asked that the Chairman request that proposed budgets be completed by the first week of January, 2013.

Mr. Hartnett commented that one item on the next meeting's agenda be to set out guidelines for the next budget. He also noted that an estimate of the Grand List after revaluations will be important to understanding what level of spending is appropriate.

The next meeting was scheduled for October 17, 2012 at 6:30 in the Town Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48pm on a motion by Mr. Klein and a second by Mr. Conroy.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter W. Zavorotny  
Secretary Pro Tem