

ASHLAND BUDGET COMMITTEE

JANUARY 14, 2013

DRAFT MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: I. Heidenreich, C. Austin, S. Felton, D. Ruell, M. Scarano, M. Brown, D. Toth, M. Badger (non voting member), P. Preston, S. Coleman

The meeting started at 6:00 @ the booster club.

Legal:

The committee discussed the \$15,000 the committee reduced the line to previously.

Ruell would like to adjust the line to \$20,000.

Coleman asked to keep the line at \$15,000.

Ruell made the motion, 2nd by Preston to raise the \$15,000 to \$20,000. 2 members aye. 7 members nayed.

General gov't bldg:

The committee discussed the \$40,000 the committee took out of the general repair line previously for the energy audit.

Preston made the motion to put the \$40,000 back in. There was no 2nd.

Ruell made the motion to raise the budget committee figure of \$7,000 up to \$15,000. There was no 2nd.

Police:

Salary—Felton asked what made up the salaries.

Overtime is paid over 43 hours.

Chief	salary	\$70,000.
LT salary	\$23.50 per hour	\$52,546.
SGT salary	\$21.50 per hour	\$48,074.
PTROLMN salary	\$16.50 per hour	\$36,894. X 2
	TOTAL	\$244,408

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Ruell made the motion, 2nd by Austin to put the salaries back to selectman revised of \$255,853. FICA, medicare and retirement to follow. 8 members aye. 1 member nayed.

The committee discussed that public safety is the main concern.

Highway & Streets:

Ruell made the motion, 2nd by Austin to raise the budget committee figure of \$35,000 for street improvements to \$40,000. 3 members aye. 6 members nayed.

Toth said that they have \$125,000 in capital reserves that could be used for roads in an emergency.

Transfer & Recycling:

Preston made the motion, 2nd by Ruell to change the budget committee figure of \$21,003 for salaries back to selectman revised figure of \$25,873. 3 members aye. 6 members nayed.

Park & Rec.

Ruell talked about beach lifeguards salaries.

Primex said, "2 lifeguards or put up more signs "swim at own risk"

Ruell made the motion to put the \$12,000 back in for lifeguards. There was no 2nd.

Preston made the motion, 2nd by Austin to restore park and rec total back to the selectman figure. From \$46,413 to \$95,832. 2 members aye. 7 members nayed.

Preston left @ 7:00pm. Golden sat in as alternate for the select board.

Austin made the motion, 2nd by Ruell to change the total for park and rec from \$46,413 to \$83,832 (taking out the lifeguard salary of \$12,000). 4 members aye. 5 members nayed.

Coleman made the motion, 2nd by Ruell to change the total for park and rec from \$46,413 to \$60,000. 5 members aye. 4 members nayed.

Health Officer:

We discussed whether the health officer or building inspector deals with lead based paint.

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Coleman made the motion, 2nd by Ruell to raise the health officer expense line from \$200 to \$360 to cover the cost of the lead paint class. 3 members ayed. 5 members nayed. 1 member abstained.

Felton mentioned police grants. No discussion.

Felton mentioned general bldg. No discussion.

Felton mentioned PBCAM. No discussion.

Library:

Heidenreich made the motion to change library salaries from \$37,204 to \$36,295 with FICA and medicare to follow. There was no 2nd.

Toth made the motion, 2nd by Ruell to approve the operating budgets of the town, electric, water & sewer with the 2 changes (police salaries to \$255,853. and Park & Rec total figure to \$60,000.) 6 members ayed. 3 members nayed.

Anne Abear suggested that water & sewer pay ½ of the water & sewer bond, which would be \$41,500.

Ruell made the motion, 2nd by Scarano to accept revenue for town as presented. 6 members ayed. 2 members nayed. 1 member abstained.

WARRANT ARTICLES:

Brown made the motion, 2nd by Heidenreich to recommend the \$145,700 to enter into a five year lease purchase agreement for a four wheel drive loader for the Public Works dept. 6 members ayed. 2 members nayed. 1 member abstained.

Heidenreich made the motion, 2nd by Scarano not to recommend \$1,500 to be deposited into the town clock non capital reserve fund. 8 members ayed. 1 member nayed.

Brown made the motion, 2nd by Heidenreich to recommend \$125,000 to be placed into the road improvements capital reserve fund. 7 members ayed. 2 members nayed.

Coleman made the motion, 2nd by Heidenreich to recommend \$25,000 to be placed in a capital reserve fund for the purposes of repairing or purchasing fire dept vehicles. 9 members ayed.

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Scarano made the motion, 2nd by Brown to recommend \$25,000 to establish a capital reserve fund for the purposes of repairing or purchasing police dept vehicles. 9 members ayed.

Scarano made the motion, 2nd by Brown to recommend \$1,000 for CADY. 7 members ayed. 2 members nayed.

Brown made the motion, 2nd by Scarano to recommend \$9450.35 for Pemi-Baker community health. 8 members ayed. 1 member nayed.

Brown made the motion, 2nd by Austin to recommend \$6,000 for Grafton County senior citizens council. 8 members ayed. 1 member nayed.

Scarano made the motion, 2nd by Heidenreich to recommend \$15,000 for an expendable trust fund for the purpose of funding matching grants for maintenance, repair and equipment. 9 members ayed.

Brown made the motion, 2nd by Ruell to recommend \$2,500 to Genesis Behavioral Health. 7 members ayed. 2 members nayed.

Ruell made the motion, 2nd by Heidenreich to post that the budget committee will meet immediately following the deliberative meetings on February 2nd and February 7. 9 members ayed.

Minutes:

November 29, 2012 will be reviewed at our next meeting.

January 5: Page 5 paragraph 2 change Heidenreaich to Heidenreich.

Page 5 paragraph 7 add the word far after thus

Page 7 park & rec revenues change the wording to read from \$13,065 to \$0.00 for the summer program.

Heidenreich made the motion, 2nd by Felton to accept the minutes of January 5 with changes. 8 members ayed. 1 member abstained.

January 9: Page 1 Move the sentence that starts with at 6:30pm down to before the sentence that reads Ruell went over the budget overview.

Page 2 paragraph 10 change to broad to too broad.

Page 3 warrant articles descriptions:

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O: to raise and appropriate \$1,000 for CADY

P: to raise and appropriate \$9450.35 for Pemi Baker community health.

R: to raise and appropriate \$6,000 for Grafton County senior citizens council.

S: to establish an expendable trust fund for the purposes of funding matching grants for maintenance, repair and equipment in the sum of \$15,000. 9 members ayed. 0 members nayed.

T: to raise and appropriate \$2,500 for genesis behavioral health.

Ruell made the motion, 2nd by Brown to approve the minutes of January 9 with changes and additions. 9 members ayed.

Heidenreich made the motion, 2nd by Toth to adjourn the meeting at 8:18pm. 9 members ayed.

Christine Austin, Secretary