

ASHLAND BUDGET COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 8, 2012

DRAFT MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: S. Felton, D. Ruell, C. Austin, S. Coleman, P. Preston, M. Brown, I. Heidenreich, D. Toth, M. Badger

MEMBER EXCUSED: M. Scarano

OTHERS PRESENT: P. Tucker, A. Cilley, E. Badger, P. Heidenreich, B. Hoerter

The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm in the Ashland Elementary library.

The minutes of October 25 were approved with the following changes:

Pg. 1: Change Ormand to Ormond

Pg. 2: paragraph 8—take out because

Preston made the motion, 2nd by Ruell to accept the minutes of October 25 with changes. All members aye.

Felton handed out a property tax budget comparison sheet.

- DRA tax rate for 2013
- 70% of tax is controlled by tax payers
- \$264,000 raises tax rate \$1.00
- Ruell and Felton to meet with Anita next Tuesday to review cash flow analysis.

At 6:15pm P. Tucker began presenting the town budget.

- Executive—spoke on website hosting, new grant writing workshop and restoration of books. Tucker to get the breakdown of the PBCam hourly rate.
- Election & Register—Tucker would like to add \$500. For a stipend for A. Abear for deputy pay. Change dept head (ER clerk expense) to \$3,800. Postage is increased.

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- Finance—office asst and office finance officer are now separated. We discussed the telephone, printing, professional dues and town admin expenses lines.
- Revaluation of property—2013 is our revaluation year.
- Legal
- Unemployment
- Planning & Zoning
- General Government
- Insurance
- Lakes Region Planning Commission (advertising)
- Other General Government
- Detail wages
- Building inspector (compensations are per permit), they need to buy an updated codebook.
- Emergency management---dept head asked for \$21,000. to purchase another generator....TA & selectmen changed it to \$2,000 for the purchase of blankets and cots.
- Street lighting---in lieu of taxes
- Health
- Animal control
- Welfare
- Patriotic purposes
- Town trustees
- Conservation commission
- Debt service—W & S project has been refinanced...Anita to give us a narrative.

P. Tucker did a great job giving us narratives with each subject of the budget.

At our next meeting we hope to have 2 departments meet with us to go over their budget. P. Branscombe to find out which 2 can come.

Our next meeting will be on November 15, 2012 at the CAP building at 6:00pm.

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Heidenreich made the motion, 2nd by Brown to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm. All members aye.

Christine Austin, Secretary