

ASHLAND BUDGET COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 15, 2011

DRAFT MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: S. Coleman, I. Heidenreich, M. Brown, C. Austin, D. Ruell, S. Felton, D. Golden, M. Scarano, F. Newton

OTHERS PRESENT: E. Badger, M. Badger, J. Felton, D. Toth, C. Thompson, P. Tucker, P. Branscombe, A. Cilley

The meeting came to order at 6:00pm in the elementary school library.

We started by approving earlier minutes.

Coleman made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Felton to add the word clerk in front of salary (page 2—paragraph 2) on the December 8, 2011 minutes. 8 members aye. (one member arrived late).

Scarano made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newton to accept the November 8, 2011 minutes as presented. 7 members aye. 1 member abstained. (one member arrived late).

On the minutes of October 27, 2011:

Page 1-- paragraph 6, the word sent should be replaced with emailed.

Page 1—paragraph 8, upon further reflection extra income is reflected in revenue.

Page 2—paragraph 2, the word respectable should be replaced with reasonable.

Heidenreich made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brown to accept the minutes of October 27, 2011 with corrections mentioned above. 7 members aye. 2 members abstained.

On the minutes of October 13, 2011:

Page 3—paragraph 4, add the word suggested to the sentence to read, “meetings suggested to be held at the school gym.”

Felton made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Heidenreich to accept the minutes of October 13, 2011 with corrections mentioned above. 7 members aye. 2 members abstained.

On the minutes of October 6, 2011:

Page 3—paragraph 3, revise the paragraph to have the RSA at the beginning of the motion and change the word dismiss to remove.

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Heidenreich made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ruell to accept the minutes of October 6, 2011 with corrections mentioned above. 5 members ayed. 1 member nayed. 3 members abstained.

At 6:35pm we started going over the town budget.

On highways & streets: Coleman made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brown to change the fuel default figure from \$15,000. to \$30,000. All members ayed.

On town mechanic: Felton made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newton to accept the BOS figures except uniforms. All members ayed.

Heidenreich made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scarano to accept the default figure of \$7,255. except uniforms for town mechanic. 8 members ayed. 1 member nayed.

Heidenreich made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Coleman to accept the figure, both recommended and default, of \$41,230. for street lighting. All members ayed.

Scarano made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Felton to accept the BOS figure of \$150,432. for Transfer/recycling with more information on recycling bldg/equip to be presented to us. 7 members ayed. 2 members nayed.

Heidenreich made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brown to have the figure of \$3,500. be the default figure for recycling bldg./equipment (due to employee safety). All members ayed.

Newton made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Heidenreich to accept the default figure of \$148,039. for transfer/recycling. All members ayed.

Brown made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Felton to accept the BOS figure of \$2,354. for health. 8 members ayed. 1 members nayed.

Felton made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scarano to accept \$2,953. for the default figure for health. All members ayed.

Brown made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Felton to accept the recommended and default figure of \$3,400. for animal control. All members ayed.

Felton made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newton to accept the recommended TA figure of \$80,000. for the welfare budget. 8 members ayed. 1 member nayed.

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Brown made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Felton to accept \$80,000. for the default budget for welfare. 8 members ayed. 1 member nayed.

M. Scarano left at 7:50pm.

Heidenreich made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brown to reduce P & R advertising from \$250. to \$200. 6 members ayed. 2 members nayed.

The committee asked P. Branscombe to get an understandable answer for PR water.

Brown made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Heidenreich to reduce PR clubhouse supplies from \$350. to \$200. 5 members ayed. 3 members nayed.

Heidenreich made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brown to reduce PR office supplies from \$600. to \$400. 6 members ayed. 2 members nayed.

Brown made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Heidenreich to reduce PR vehicle expense from \$500. to \$300.

Brown made an amended motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Heidenreich to reduce PR vehicle expense from \$500. to \$250. 7 members ayed. 1 members nayed.

PR bldg. expense: P. Branscombe to get the committee a breakdown on expenses done and cost of things to be done.

Felton made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brown to accept the BOS figures for P & R (except for P&R salary and salary related items, the 2 questions, and the 3 changes). All members ayed.

Heidenreich made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Felton to reduce P&R field expense default figure from \$6,000. to \$3,000. and to accept the remaining P&R default figures as read. All members ayed.

At 8:30 pm the committee went back to finish accepting past minutes.

On the minutes of September 29, 2011:

Heidenreich made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brown to accept the minutes of September 29, 2011 as presented. 6 members ayed. 2 members abstained.

On the minutes of September 8, 2011:

Page 2—paragraph 3, Utility Partners needs to be capitalized.

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Brown made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Heidenreich to accept the minutes of September 8, 2011 with change. 7 members aye. 1 member abstained.

On the minutes of August 24, 2011:

Ruell made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Heidenreich to accept the minutes of August 24, 2011 as presented. 6 members aye. 2 members abstained.

On the minutes of August 11, 2011:

Ruell made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brown to accept the minutes of August 11, 2011 as presented. 7 members aye. 1 member abstained.

On the minutes of July 14, 2011:

Page 2—paragraph 4, Utility Partners needs to be capitalized.

Heidenreich made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brown to accept the minutes of July 14, 2011 with change. 6 members aye. 2 members abstained.

On the minutes of June 16, 2011:

Ruell made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brown to accept the minutes of June 16, 2011 as presented. 6 members aye. 2 members abstained.

On the minutes of June 9, 2011:

Golden made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Heidenreich to accept the minutes of June 9, 2011 as presented. 7 members aye. 1 member abstained.

On the minutes of May 18, 2011:

Heidenreich made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Felton to accept the minutes of May 18, 2011 as presented. 7 members aye. 1 member abstained.

On the minutes of May 11, 2011:

Heidenreich made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brown to accept the minutes of May 11, 2011 as presented. 7 members aye. 1 member abstained.

On the minutes of April 14, 2011:

Heidenreich made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Felton to accept the minutes of April 14, 2011 as presented. 6 members aye. 2 members abstained.

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The next meeting for the budget committee is Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at 6:00pm to discuss water & sewer budget and continue on town budget if there is time.

Golden made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newton to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm. All members ayed.

Christine Austin, Secretary