

TOWN OF SALISBURY

Budget Committee Business Meeting Summary September 15, 2014

Jeff Nangle, Chair	Present	Marcia Murphy	Present
Joe Landry, Vice Chair	Present	Sandy Miller	Present
Steve Wheeler	Present	Ralph Downes	Present
Ed Sawyer	Present	Ken Ross-Raymond, Sel Ex-Officio	Present
Sara (Sally) Jones	Present	Margaret Warren, Town Administrator	Present
Bill MacDuffie, Sr.	Present	April Rollins, Municipal Secretary	Present

Other Selectmen Present: Selectman Ballou

General Public Present: None.

Handouts for Meeting: 2014/2015 Budget & Revenue Reports through 8/31/14
Budget Committee (BC) Meeting Schedule with Department Heads

Chair Nangle opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

- **Review & Approve Minutes of April 14, 2014** – Ralph Downes made a **motion** to approve the meeting minutes of April 14, 2014. Sally Jones **seconded** the motion. The **motion passed unanimously**.
- **Budget review** – Chair Nangle stated legal expenses are up. Selectman Ross-Raymond explained this is due to a lawsuit that has gone to trial and the Town is waiting on a verdict, they should hear soon. Selectman Ross-Raymond informed the BC the lawsuit is over an abatement request to decrease an assessment by \$80K. Chair Nangle noted the Town did receive some flood control reimbursement funds.
- **Update on Town Issues – Selectman Ross-Raymond** - *Report on the School Board's Meetings – Marcia Murphy* - Selectman Ross-Raymond informed the BC he was highly criticized last year when he said the School District's tax increase was going to be up by 14% and apologized because it has increased by 14.3%. The payment in December of 2013 was set at \$184,628.91 dollars and the June 2014 payment has increased to \$211,068.50 dollars, which is an increase of \$26,439.59 dollars. Chair Nangle stated the school district took the ending figure of their budget and not the beginning figure. Selectman Ross-Raymond noted the Town's payment will be adjusted in December, so it may decrease. Marcia Murphy stated the school's surplus balance is currently \$1,120,000 (+/-) dollars and was \$1,168,000 (+/-) dollars. Marcia Murphy reported on the school district's capital (\$200K), oil boiler conversion cost overages, the Security Committee, the cost of scanning old (archived) documents, hired snow removal, enrollment moratorium at Boscawen Elementary and the purchase & sales agreement for the Summer Street School (\$160K purchase total, Public Hearing needed to expend majority of funds). Chair Nangle asked if the petition warrant article to withdraw from the district was going forward and Selectman Ross-Raymond replied the Town of Webster may still move forward.

Flood Control Reimbursement – The Town will be receiving its 2012 reimbursement of \$59,898 dollars from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Transfer Station revenues – Two checks were received from the Co-op, one was from a tax settlement agreement and the other was for an “ash” credit totaling \$22,000 dollars. A Warrant

Article may be needed to move these funds from the general fund in the Capital Reserve Funds (CRF). A discussion was held regarding power/electricity being run to the Transfer Station versus the use of generator on Saturdays. Chair Nangle made a **motion** to recommend the funds be placed in a CRF based on needs (transfer or buildings & grounds). Ralph Downes **seconded** the motion and the **motion passed unanimously**.

Projects – Selectman Ross-Raymond reported the Town Hall bathrooms are renovated but the bulk of the CRF was used, so the fund needs to be replenished and a new project needs to be added for Academy Hall (2015). A dehumidifier was installed at the Library to resolve the condensation/mold issue, which has resolved the problem.

Police – Selectman Ross-Raymond informed the BC that dispatch goes directly to the State's dispatch and no longer the County dispatch. Selectman Ross-Raymond noted the Town is averaging 24 calls a month over the past 6 months. Ralph Downes stated the State Police responded to a call this morning in 17 minutes from Gilford.

- Other Business
 - Meetings for 2014/2015: November 10th, December 8th, January 12th and February 9th.

Ralph Downes made a motion to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. Sandy Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
April Rollins, Municipal Secretary