

ASHLAND BUDGET COMMITTEE

JANUARY 4, 2012

DRAFT MINUTES

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

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

The meeting came to order at 6:00pm in the conference room in the Elementary School.

Newton made the motion, 2nd by Coleman to accept article 2 in the school district warrant articles (to have the Ashland School District set the salaries of the district officers for the coming year). All members aye.

P. Branscombe discussed the excel spreadsheet that the budget committee asked to have the budget presented to us. Anita and the selectmen said we could not get it on excel.

P. Tucker went over the interim trial balance summary.

D. Ruell read the memo concerning the health insurance contributions.

Heidenreich made the motion, 2nd by Brown to table salary, FICA, Medicare, and retirement lines, which employees are affected, check contracted employees (Chief Randall, P. Branscombe), until we find out what the total fiscal impact for 2012 for all non union employees is. All members aye.

Scarano made the motion, 2nd by Felton to accept the figure of \$4,750. for vision assessing software. All members aye.

Scarano made the motion, 2nd by Brown to accept the default figure of \$4,750. for vision assessing software. All members aye.

Felton made the motion, 2nd by Ruell to accept the revised figure of \$35,000. for legal expenses. (\$20,000. to go towards Lakes Region Golf Course). 8 members aye. 1 member abstained.

Coleman made the motion, 2nd by Newton to accept the default figure of \$35,000. for legal expenses. All members aye.

Newton made the motion, 2nd by Felton to decrease the default figure of \$450. to \$0.00 on Cemeteries. All members ayed.

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Heidenreich made the motion, 2nd by Felton to change GGB covered bridge default figure from \$300. to \$700. And to change HWY bridge gen exp. default figure from \$400. to \$0.00. All members ayed.

Newton made the motion, 2nd by Felton to accept the selectmen revised figure of \$1,100. for MECH uniforms. All members ayed.

Brown made the motion, 2nd by Felton to accept the default figure of \$1,100. for MECH uniforms. All members ayed.

Heidenreich made the motion, 2nd by Newton to decrease the default figure for donations from \$18,989. to \$0.00. 7 members ayed. 2 members nayed.

Heidenreich made the motion, 2nd by Felton to accept the figure of \$1,500. for P&R water. 9 members ayed. 1 member nayed.

Heidenreich made the motion, 2nd by Brown to accept the default figure of \$950. for P&R water. All members ayed.

At 7:00pm L. Pack and D. Vaughn came in.

At 7:10pm L. Nichols came in.

At 7:30pm B. Boyle came in.

At 7:45pm L. Nichols presented us with a handout representing what is spent out printing, envelopes, postage, postage meter rental (quarterly), red ink supply, maintenance contract for feeder (yearly).

L. Pack said that she was behind in filing and the new billing system would free up time for her to catch up.

L. Nichols said that water and sewer would be responsible for 24% of the cost.

The electric commissioners would like to increase the figure for computer expense from \$45,000. to \$61,000. to include postage.

Data transfer and hardware for the computer(s) is not included in the \$61,000.

Electric was done at 8:35pm.

The budget committee went on to proposed warrant articles.

Article 1: Brown made the motion, 2nd by Coleman to accept \$10,000. for the continuing of the process of updating the master plan. 9 members ayed. 0 nayed.

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Article 2: Scarano made the motion, 2nd by Brown to accept \$10,100. to replace 5 hand held communication radios for the police dept. 8 members ayed. 1 member nayed.

Article 3: Newton made the motion, 2nd by Coleman to accept \$1,500. to put into the town clock non capital reserve fund for clock maintenance. 9 members ayed. 0 nayed.

Article 4: Brown made the motion, 2nd by Scarano to accept \$142,100. for a 5 year lease of a four wheel drive loader for the public works dept. (\$28,420. for the 1st year payment). 7 members ayed. 2 members nayed.

Article 5: Brown made the motion, 2nd by Felton to accept \$55,200. for a four year lease of a four wheel drive loader for the transfer/recycling center (\$15,000. for the 1st year payment). 5 members ayed. 4 members nayed.

Article 6: Heidenreich made the motion, 2nd by Brown to accept \$27,000. for the replacement of the fire dept. roof. 9 members ayed. 0 nayed.

Article 7: Scarano made the motion, 2nd by Newton to accept \$125,000. to be placed into a road improvement capital reserve fund. 9 members ayed. 0 nayed.

Article 8: Brown made the motion, 2nd by Heidenreich to accept \$8,000. to be placed into a fire dept. equipment capital reserve fund and to appoint the BOS as agents to expend. 9 members ayed. 0 nayed.

Petitioned warrant article—CADY: Brown made the motion, 2nd by Newton to accept \$1,000. for a donation for CADY (Communities for Alcohol and Drug free Youth). 9 members ayed. 0 nayed.

Petitioned warrant article—PBCH: Brown made the motion, 2nd by Coleman to accept \$9,342. for a donation for PBCH (Pemi-Baker Community Health). 9 members ayed. 0 nayed.

The next meeting for the budget committee is January 5, 2012 at 6:00pm.

Heidenreich made the motion, 2nd by Felton to adjourn the meeting at 9:15pm. All members aye.

Christine Austin, Secretary