

ASHLAND BUDGET COMMITTEE

September 13, 2012

DRAFT MINUTES

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: D. Toth

OTHERS PRESENT: J. Gleich, A. Cilley, P. Tucker, P. Branscombe, E. Badger

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm in the Ashland Elementary School library.

M. Scarano, 2nd by D. Ruell, approved the meeting minutes of August 9.

5 members approved, 2 members abstained.

PARK AND REC REVIEW

Jim Gleich presented the overview and financial information

- Jim has gone from salary to hourly in 2012
- The summer program with camper was run for 6 weeks and 2 positions for counselors were released.
- Building expense (631) has gone over budget due to the repairs. The grease trap and hand sink are the only things left to be put in.
- Tennis courts (883) to be put back into a playable surface
 - Resurfacing of both courts (tennis and basketball) should be done every 5 years (\$4,000.)
 - Playground woodchips should be done every 3 years (\$2,000.)

Equipment (740) \$1,500. was spent on a trailer to transport the lawn mowers

- Campground improvements (730) hot water heater was done but not taken out of balance (\$2,400.)
- Rip wrap, sign posts, tree trimming was to be done
- The raft at the beach costs \$175. to bring in, and \$175. to take out into the water. It is stored for free at the marina
- Town insurance company doesn't want us to have the raft out in the water
- Swim lines need to be replaced
- February and April vacation day camp was not run
- Camp bussing (834) is billed at end of season (cost will be \$1,555.)
- First aid (620) kits were in good order
- Beach fence to be replaced cost of \$4,582.57, funds has been encumbered
- Summer program had 17-18 children on average

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- The summer program is \$8,278.59 in the red for 2012
- Counselors' ratio is 8 to 1 for middle school (grade 5 to 8), 10 to 3 for the little ones.
- Cost for summer program is \$140. per week for residents, \$165. for non residents
- Jim will check into collaborating with Holderness park and rec for next year
- There are 21 kids in the after school program (solely Ashland kids)...cost is \$35. per week, 3 days or less is \$9. per day. 2 ½ hours per day.

Jim was done at 7:10pm

S. Felton suggested that the dept. heads reduce their own budgets

Mid to late October the town to have their budgets to us; school to have theirs to us by mid December.

D. Toth to contact PBCAM to have the financial forum taped.

M. Scarano, D. Toth & S. Felton to make posters for the forum.

September 27 financial forum at 6:30pm at the Ashland elementary cafeteria

S. Felton to write letters to the utilities to find out when we can get their budgets

October 11, 2012 is the school board narrative

M. Badger suggested four buckets for budget: 1. Operative 2. Bridge/roof 3. Warrant articles 4. Future savings

On or before the 3rd Tuesday in January 2013 the public hearing has to be heard

January 9, 2013 (Wednesday) school hearing

January 10, 2013 (Thursday) town hearing

2nd Tuesday in January for warrant articles

I. Heidenreich made the motion to adjourn at 8:40pm, 2nd by M. Brown. All members ayed

