

New Shoreham Town Council Meeting – Budget Hearing
Town Hall, Old Town Road
Monday, April 12, 2010
7:00 p.m.

Present: First Warden Kimberley H. Gaffett, Second Warden Raymond J. Torrey, Council members Richard P. Martin, Peter B. Baute and Kenneth C. Lacoste. Also present were Town Manager Nancy Dodge, Finance Director Amy Land and for the recording of minutes, Deputy Town Clerk Millicent McGinnes.

First Warden Gaffett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Proposed Town of New Shoreham Fiscal Year 2011 Budget
Continued Public Hearing for Proposed FY11 Budget

Finance Director Amy Land reported the following regarding changes to the draft FY 2011 budget:

- There has been no clarity regarding the RI Legislatures actions will do with the Motor Vehicle Taxes in Lieu for the 2011 budget. The Town budget still has \$90,664 in this revenue line, although it may not be distributed, or only partially distributed, by the State.
- There was a \$15,000 reduction in the Harbormaster benefit line, as the benefits are not needed.
- The left over \$5,000 not allocated at the last budget hearing and the \$15,000 from the Harbormaster benefit line have been added to the Contingency line, bringing the line up to \$35,809. The Contingency line will cover approximately 1/3 of the Motor Vehicle Taxes in Lieu in case the funding is cut.

Town Manager Nancy Dodge reported that she got a quote for the work on the roof at the Coast Guard – Chief's House for \$28, 000 - \$32,000, therefore the \$30,000 in the line is adequate. She further reported that negotiations with the union did not result in any reductions and the 3% included in the contract is still budgeted.

From the audience, Cliff McGinnes, Sr. questioned whether the legislature had acted on legislation requiring that all state and municipal employees pay 15% of their health benefits. Ms. Dodge responded that it appears that the provision is no longer on the table.

From the audience, Recreation Director Rob Closter requested that the \$4,500 infield groomer be returned to the budget, as it would save considerable time and money. He also requested that money be allocated to the Beach House renovation conceptual plan. Discussion ensued regarding the potential costs and savings. Ms. Dodge noted that the cut of the infield groomer could be absorbed by manpower in the maintenance department and it was a painless cut. Mr. Martin stated that he was not in favor of putting expenses back into the budget and Ms. Gaffett concurred.

Mr. Lacoste questioned whether state funding would be in jeopardy without meeting the 100% maintenance of effort. It was noted that there is a waiver process to allow for the continuance of state aid while reducing the maintenance of effort.

Act on Adoption of FY11 Budget for Financial Town Meeting Consideration and Action
Dr. Baute made a motion to adopt the FY 2011 budget. Ms. Gaffett seconded the motion and it carried.

5 Ayes (Gaffett, Torrey, Lacoste, Martin, Baute) 0 Nays

With no further business Ms. Gaffett made a motion to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Martin and carried unanimously.

Millicent McGinnes
Deputy Town Clerk

Submitted: April 14, 2010
Approved: April 21, 2010