

# **BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday February 13, 2012**

**THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:05pm by Budget Committee Chairperson Mr. Vadenais.**

**ROLL CALL 7:00pm: Present were Mrs. Vallee, Mrs. Bartomioli, Mr. Puccetti, Mr. Vadenais**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES of the February 9th meeting was made by Mrs. Bartomioli, seconded by Mr. Puccetti and unanimously approved.**

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**MEETING DATES: EMA Director Mr. Branconnier has confirmed 7:30 on February 23rd.and Public Works/Parks & Rec Director Mr. Pendergast; Water & Sewer Mr. Carpenter-8pm.**

**Town Solicitor Atty. Nadeau is not able to attend on the 23rd. and will need to be contacted to schedule an alternate date & time.**

**Contact should be made with Sharon and/or Darlene for scheduling for the Municipal Court budget.**

**1) Town Administrator Ms. Hamilton and Finance Director Mr. Silva were in attendance to present the 2012 – 2013 FY Town Budget.**

**We received our Budget books tonight.**

**It has been pointed out that working off of budget A reflects the new format, where as Budget B shows the comparisons to previous year's format.**

**New personnel requests and changes were highlighted along with possible re-finance on School bond.**

- Both the TA and Finance Director are both looking to bring back the 2 positions reduced in their departments.**
- A request is being made for a part time (no benefits) IT tech.**

**We had some discussion on Health Care premium increases along with pension increases.**

**At first glance the Town Solicitor budget shows the most adjustments which will be discussed with Mr. Nadeau when meeting with him.**

- It was discussed that the tax office would like to look into a counting machine for tax payments and securing the area at the tax payment counter.**
- Addressing both expenditures and revenue, Brian did state that tax sales are extremely costly with advertising and prep work and sometimes result in the sale costing more that what is brought in on the revenue side.**

**2) Revenue: Brian mentioned that he is very uncertain about most revenues at this point.**

**We discussed potential revenue from Super Wall Mart and National Grid and are unsure as to what and when we would see revenue from**

**these projects.**

**The town is waiting on the State for more information on Motor Vehicle evaluations.**

**3) Capital: We looked at the capital budgets and there was brief discussion on water and sewer budgets.**

**4) Open Forum: The Budget Committee has requested that the Town Administrator along with the Finance Director, try to obtain more detailed information on Pay scales from the North Smithfield Fire Department. Understanding that the Fire Department is a separate entity, we still request a little more transparency for the tax payers.**

**A request was made to the Conservation Comm. for a budget breakdown.**

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Thursday February 23rd. at 7:00pm at Kendall Dean.**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm was made by Mr. Puccetti, seconded by Ms. Vallee and unanimously approved.**

**Minutes respectfully submitted,**

**Terri Bartomioli**