

Warrant Committee Meeting

Wednesday January 23, 2008

Attending: Robyn Hunter, Chair, Caroline White, Vice-Chair, Nancy Weinstein, Secretary, Allen Goldberg, Arthur Meehan, Joseph Melican, Scott Seidman and Dave Stapleton

Guests: David Heinlein, Janet Claypoole, Alice Baranick, Sue Sheridan, Janet Kathy McCoy, Alison Piper, Diane Sampson-Zenger, Tanya Newburg, Cathy Mitchell, Charlotte Canelli, Kate Haviland, and John Wolff

1. Review of Budgets

- a. Council on Aging #541 - *presented by Janet Claypoole, Director*
 - i. Net increase of senior population (over 60) of 75-100 per year
 - ii. Biggest challenge is to involve more seniors in more programs (same individuals participate in all the programs)
 - iii. Request for increase in outreach worker's hours of 2 hours per week is due to an increased volume of calls
 - iv. Increase in postage due to increase in numbers of mailings
 - v. A severe need exist for new computers for the COA. Currently the COA has 3 computers used for training. These computers are running Windows 98 and most of the seniors have computers at home with newer operating systems. In order to benefit from the training newer computers are needed.
 1. To be addressed
- b. Library #610 - *presented by Charlotte Canelli, Director*
 - i. Books and Materials line item must be at 19% of total budget for State certification
 1. Town funds 61% of materials costs while the remaining 39% comes from the Hovey Fund, Friends of the Library and private gifts by individuals
 2. The amount for FY09 is \$72,000
 3. Town currently funds only 10% of materials cost of the total budget---request to increase this percentage to 12.5% to reduce reliance on outside funding
 - ii. Applying for a \$20,000 grant for a new and expanded tweens program which will include blogging, podcasts, cartooning and drawing
 - iii. Expectation from families that the excellent programs now offered in the children's programs will continue into tweens program
- iv. Increase in fuel/electricity costs
 - v. In state travel increase due to gas prices
 - vi. Increase request of a MLS employee on Saturdays to provide improved patron services
- c. Cemetery #491 - *presented by John Wolff, Commissioner*
 - i. Grounds maintenance increased from \$5000 to \$6000 due to license now required by State to use environmentally friendly chemicals, therefore outside company hired
 - ii. Other maintenance decreased due to the Capital Budget request of a new tractor
 - iii. To look for space for the old tractor at the Highway Garage
 - iv. Income doubled last year due to increase in fees
- d. Tree Committee #295
 - i. \$2,500 budget – HOLD
 - ii. Same amount requested for the previous years
 - iii. Committee to be asked what funds will be used for this year and next
- e. Board of Health
 - i. HOLD-to be reviewed at a later date
- f. Garbage Disposal #433
 - i. Flat
- g. Minuteman Vocational #602
 - i. HOLD-to be reviewed at a later date (figures not available until April)

2. Vote of Budgets

- a. Selectmen #122
 - i. S. Seidman moved approval of the Selectmen's budget totaling \$243,419; \$215,165 in Salaries and Wages, \$28,254 in Expenses
 - ii. A. Goldberg seconded the motion.
 - iii. Motion approved 8-0
- b. Council on Aging #541
 - i. Hold for the information regarding the cost of new computers
- c. Library #610
 - i. Hold for review
- d. Cemetery #491
 - i. S. Seidman moved approval of the Cemetery budget totaling \$89,794; \$67,706 in Salaries and Wages, \$22,088 in Expenses
 - ii. J. Melican seconded the motion
 - iii. Motion approved 8-0
- e. Tree Committee #295
 - i. Hold for review
- f. Board of Health
 - i. Hold for presentation
- g. Garbage Disposal #433
 - i. R. Hunter moved approval of the Garbage Disposal budget totaling \$17,200
 - ii. S. Seidman seconded the motion
 - iii. Motion approved 8-0
- h. Minuteman Vocational #602
 - i. Hold for review

3. Other Business

- a. **Time change of May's Town Meeting to 7PM**
- b. Snow and Ice budget – acknowledgement of an additional authorization of \$75,000
 - i. A. Goldberg made the motion with a second by J. Melican and a vote of 8-0 to accept
- c. Joint Meeting with Sherborn Advisory and DS Regional School Committee at the DS-Middle School Library, Monday, January 28, 2008 at 6pm
 - i. The meeting will focus on the status of the debt allocation, the new statutory method for allocating the Regional Budget and the 2009 Budget
- d. Meeting with the Dover Schools moved from Feb. 4th to Feb. 11th at 7:15am
- e. Meeting Feb. 4th is cancelled
- f. Superintendent search
 - i. Site visits this week

Next Meeting: Monday, January 28, 2008 at 6:00pm DS Middle School Library

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Weinstein,
Secretary