

**B U D G E T   C O M M I T T E E**  
**P U B L I C M E E T I N G M I N U T E S**  
**January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

A business meeting of the New Durham Budget Committee was called to order at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall located off Main Street.

**Present:**

Cecile Chase, Budget Committee Chairperson  
David Curry, Budget Committee Co-Chairman  
Lois Parker, Budget Committee member  
Tom Goss, Budget Committee member  
Peter Rhoades, Selectmen's Representative to the Committee  
Dean Stimpson, Budget Committee member

**Excused Absences:**

Ann Brady Budget Committee member

**Also Present:**

April Whittaker, Town Administrator  
Vickie Blackden, Financial Assistant  
Christopher LaPierre, CCVD Commissioner

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion Dean Stimpson, second Tom Goss to approve the minutes of Jan 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 as written. Vote was unanimous with David Curry abstaining.**

**Acct 4902 Capital Outlay Equipment:**

April Whittaker explained the highway department is in need of a new plow truck this year. The cost is going to be between \$116,000 and \$117,000. She explained to the members that there is money enough in the Capital Reserve Fund to cover this purchase, which would mean there will be no impact on the tax rate. April then showed the committee a chart she had drawn up with the breakdown of how much money will be in the capital reserve fund each year and what that year's purchases would be. It would be several years before there is a deficit to make up through appropriating funds.

**Motion David Curry, second Dean Stimpson to approve Acct 4902 Capital Outlay Equipment in the amount of \$117,000. Vote was unanimous.**

**Copplecrown Village District:**

Chris LaPierre presented the budget for Copplecrown. He explained that there was an increase from \$8,000 to \$17,000 for legal fees due to the fact of lawsuit being brought before the Superior Court for a land dispute.

He also explained there was an increase for water services from \$14,000 to approximately \$28,000 due to an e-coli problem in one of the wells that had to be taken off line and the reopening of another well that had to be treated before being used. The District put in a water treatment center.

Chris LaPierre told the members that there had also been several issues with the plow truck, i.e. was not cleaned out properly and links were frozen, clutch went on sander, front end replaced on truck.

Discussion ensued regarding the formatting of expenditures on the Village District Budget Form known as MS-37. Mr. Lapierre will meet with town staff to review the financials.

**Motion David Curry, second Dean Stimpson to table Copplecrown Village District until the next meeting. Vote was unanimous.**

**Acct 4909 Improvements Other Than Buildings:**

April Whittaker stated that the Milfoil Committee treated for milfoil this past year and in order for it to be effective, therefore, need to treat again this year and they are asking for \$10,000 for this purpose. It was noted to the Committee that originally grant money was available, but due to State budget cuts, the money for milfoil infestation had been deleted. The Budget Committee concurred that the town's water resources needed protection.

The Road Agent is asking for \$12,000 to put in computerized fuel pumps which will more efficiently track accountability and usage

**Motion Dean Stimpson, second Peter Rhoades to approve Acct 4909 Improvements Other Than Buildings for \$22,000. Vote was 5-1.**

**Acct 4915 Capital Reserve Funds:**

April Whittaker explained that there are two new proposals to the Capital Improvement Plan. The first proposal came from the Cemetery Trustees who are requesting \$2,000 for water line repairs etc to the Shirley Cemetery, and the Planners are requesting \$2,000 to cover the cost of the updating of chapters of the Town's Master Plan.

The Committee placed this account on hold until after the Board of Selectmen has completed their review of this account.

**Acct 4916 Building Improvements:**

- April Whittaker explained that emergency lights need to be placed in the Town Hall as this is a safety issue. Estimated cost approximately \$5,000.

- ❑ Also, a generator switch for the Police Department is needed.
- ❑ The Selectmen are also looking into placing a bulletin type sign at the Town Hall and the cost for that will be approximately \$1,800-\$2,000.
- ❑ April stated that the transfer station also needs lights for the recycling shed and this will cost approximately \$2,000 pending bid proposals currently being solicited.
- ❑ She also advised that the town office server is and has run out of memory capability. Need to replace in 2009.

The Committee placed this account on hold until after the Board of Selectmen has completed their review of this account.

**Motion David Curry, second Dean Stimpson to enter into non-public session under the terms and conditions of RSA 91-A:3 II a-e. Vote was unanimous.**

**Roll Call:**

**Lois Parker – Aye, Peter Rhoades – Aye, David Curry – Aye, Cecile Chase – Aye, Tom Goss – Aye, Dean Stimpson – Aye**

The Budget Committee went into non-public session at 7:45 PM.

The Budget Committee returned to regular session at 8:10 PM. No decisions were made in non public session.

**Adjournment**

Motion Stimpson, second Parker, to adjourn, vote unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Zuzgo*

***Next Meeting: 6:30 PM Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009  
At the Town Hall.***