

**BUDGET COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
November 12, 2014
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A business meeting of the New Durham Budget Committee was called to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall located off Main Street.

Present:

David Curry, Budget Committee Chairperson
David Shagoury, Budget Committee Vice Chairperson
Terry Jarvis, Selectmen's Representative to the Committee
J. R. Jones, Budget Committee Member
Anthony (Tony) Bonanno, Budget Committee Member
Catherine (Cathy) Orlowicz, Budget Committee Member
Ellen Phillips, Budget Committee Member

Also Present:

Jeremy Bourgeois, Town Administrator (TA)	Judith Crouse, Financial Assistant
Joe Bloskey, Solid Waste Foreman	Fred Quimby, Milfoil Committee
Jennifer Nadeau, Solid Waste Office Manager	Bill Meyer, Library Trustee
Max Wirestone, Library Director	Gregory Anthes, Resident
David Swenson, Resident	Rudy Rosiello, Resident

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Terry Jarvis, second Ellen Phillips to accept the minutes of November 5, 2014 as amended. Vote was unanimous.

Account 4324 Solid Waste ~ Proposed Budget \$235,455.12 ~ Default Budget \$236,510

- Budget presented by Joe Bloskey and Jennifer Nadeau.
- Line 330 Contracted Services is \$0 budgeted for the coming year. Mr. Bloskey said CMA engineers did an inspection of the facility and did not see a need for any changes.
- Line 420 Demo & Debris Removal is decreased by \$380 based on historical data.
- Line 430 Equipment Maintenance went over budget this year due to waste oil burner repairs. J. R. Jones asked if Mr. Bloskey thought the amount budgeted for this coming year would be sufficient. Mr. Bloskey said he is not anticipating any future problems due to the extent of repairs done this year. Terry Jarvis stated there is a CRF to help cover such costs.
- Line 615 Uniforms is to be eliminated.

Motion by Terry Jarvis, second J. R. Jones to approve Acct 4324 Solid Waste in the amount of \$235,455.12. Vote was unanimous.

Finance Officer Judith Crouse informed the Committee she received notification there would be a 7% increase to the dental insurance. She said she has recalculated the budgets to show the increase.

Account 4550 Library ~ Proposed Budget \$134, 478 ~ Default Budget \$133,098

- Budget presented by Bill Meyer and Max Wirestone
- Line 120 Library Substitute covers a regular employee that works an average of 5 hours a week and two employees that cover when someone is out or extra help is needed. Library Director, Max Wirestone is asking this line be broken out into two separate lines.
- Line 10-680 Operating Funds:
 - Line 10-028 Books/subscriptions is level funded. Max Wirestone explained that even with the cost of books going up, he has been able to keep costs down by utilizing e-books.
 - Line 10-222 Equipment Maintenance was high this past year but the Trustees have found a new company they will be using starting next month that has a more reasonable fee

Motion J. R. Jones, second David Shagoury to approve Acct 4550 Library in the amount of \$134,478. Vote was unanimous.

Account 4909-040 Milfoil ~ Proposed Budget \$18,800 ~ Default Budget \$18,200

- Budget presented by Fred Quimby.
- Mr. Quimby showed the Committee pictures of the areas treated this year.
- Downing Pond is only going to need hand-pulling in the future.
- The S bend in Merrymeeting River has been resistant to treatment until this year when they used a different treatment. The State is recommending two treatments in the coming year.
- Mr. Quimby said he has to budget for the full amount. There should be a State grant but the amount will not be known until December.
- Discussion pursued as to where the remainder not spent this year would be allocated. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Budget Committee agreed to add \$2,520 to this budget to cover the cost of three days of hand -pulling.

Motion J. R. Jones, second David Shagoury to approve Acct 4909-040 Milfoil in the amount of \$21,320.

Motion Terry Jarvis, second David Shagoury to amend the motion to approve Acct 4909 Improvements Other Than Buildings in its entirety in the amount of \$21, 320. Vote was unanimous to amend the motion.

Chair Curry called for a vote to the amended motion. The vote was unanimous.

Account 4240 BI/CEO ~ Proposed Budget \$29,163 ~ Default Budget \$28,498

- Budget presented by TA Bourgeois.
- Line 341 Telephone includes both the office line and a stipend for the Building Inspector's cell phone.
- Line 580 Meetings/Conf/Training will be used more due to the fact the Town has a new Building Inspector.

Motion David Shagoury, second Cathy Orłowicz to approve Acct 4240 BI/CEO in the amount of \$29,163. Vote was unanimous.

Account 4411 Health Officer ~ Proposed Budget \$2,144 ~ Default Budget \$2,167

- Budget presented by TA Bourgeois
- Line 580 Meetings and Conferences was discussed. Terry Jarvis explained that the actual expenditures for this year is low due to the fact that the last Health Officer worked for other town's and split the cost with those towns.

Motion by Terry Jarvis, second Ellen Phillips to approve Acct 4411 Health Officer in the amount of \$2,144. Vote was unanimous.

Next Meeting:

Chair Curry announced that Ron Gehl will be speaking to the Committee about the Conservation Commission training line at the November 19, 2014 meeting. He also stated he would not be attending the meeting and that Vice Chairman David Shagoury would be running the meeting

The next meeting will be held on November 19, 2014 at 7 PM at the Town Hall.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion J. R. Jones, second David Shagoury to adjourn. Vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Laura Zuzgo*

***The Next Meeting Will Be Held On
November 19th, 2014 At 7:00 PM
At the Town Hall***

A video recording of this meeting is on file with the Office of the Town Clerk, is available for public viewing during normal business hours, and will be retained in accordance with the New Hampshire Municipal Records Board rules established under RSA 33-4:4, or for a minimum of 24 months.