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**Town Offices
Budget Committee - 6:30pm**

January 11, 2012

Minutes

Approved as corrected: January 24, 2012

Present: Chairman Ted Wright, Vice Chairman Lloyd Wood, Committee Members Tyler Phillips, Dave Eaton, Bob Theve, Selectmen Representative Carolyn Sundquist, Selectman Duffy, Select Chair Bill Stockman, Road Agent Jim Bean, Transfer Station Supervisor Clay Gallagher, Building Committee Chairman Jim Allan, Administrative Assistant Cathy Pounder, Administrative Secretary Darlene McWhirter and 4 members of the public

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Wright called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM: A quorum was declared.
- III. REVIEW / APPROVE MINUTES: Chairman Wright asked for a review of the minutes of December 6, 2011. Chairman Wright made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Selectmen Representative Sundquist, the vote passed (6-0).
- IV. CHAIRMAN COMMENTS:
 - Fire Rescue Building Committee member Tyler Phillips expressed his thoughts regarding the work of this committee. He stated that this issue has been studied off and on for 16 years. He believes this building would be one of the town's best fiscal investments. The committee was made up of healthy doubters; they constructed the building from the ground up being mindful of deficiencies and brought the town and the Fire Rescue up to code.
 - Fire Rescue Building Chairman Jim Allan and 3 committee members presented the Budget Committee with the committee's recommendation to move forward with the Fire/Rescue Building in Center Tuftonboro. Chairman Allan, a licensed residential/commercial building inspector, was very pleased to serve on the committee with such a diverse group of gentlemen. The committee was made up of Gordon Hunt a local businessman and school board member, Dick Cary an architect, Bob McWhirter, a facilities manager and risk manager, Tyler Phillips, a businessman, Fire Chief Thompson and Selectman Bill Stockman. The Committee spent several months analyzing the needs of the department. They met with the Architect and Construction Manager and were able to rework the plans, so the construction costs of the project will be \$189/sq ft. They met with Treasurer Jack Widmer regarding financing. Chairman Allan stated that it is "Time to give the Fire Department what they need" for all that they give the community. They are trying to do their jobs in 50 year old garages, with inadequate tools. The committee unanimously voted that it is time to bring Tuftonboro Fire Rescue Department into the 21st century. The Selectmen are unanimously in favor of this project. Chairman Allan is asking for the full support of the Budget Committee. Tyler Phillips and the committee are ready to sell this project. The committee will be holding a number of informational sessions. They will also hold an informational session strictly for local contractors. The selectmen and committee feel it is very important to use local contractors. Selectman Stockman reminded the committee that the first payment will not be due until 2013 for \$175,000, which equates to an estimated \$.17/\$1,000.00 valuation on property tax bills. Budget committee member Bob Theve restated that he feels a 3rd party verification of costs needs to be obtained. Dick Cary feels that would be a duplication of efforts, as it is being done by the construction manager. With a Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Construction, that is an adequate safety net. Chairman Allan is prepared to stand up at the town meeting to speak about this project. Dave Eaton expressed concern that he was just seeing the recommendation to the Selectmen for the first time and had not had time to go over the details. Mr. Allan pointed out that this was the same presentation that was given to the Budget Committee by the CIP committee. Chairman Wright made a motion to approve the construction of a new Fire Rescue Building for \$2.1m. The motion was seconded by Tyler Phillips. The motion passed (5-0-1). Tyler Phillips asked the committee

about a possible re-vote, after Dave had a chance to review the project in more detail. It was agreed that was possible and also noted that might give Wayne Black an opportunity to vote.

V. APPOINTMENT:

V. CONTINUED BUSINESS:

- 4312 – Highways and Streets - \$440,700.00
 - The committee voted last meeting to revisit this budget on the request of Budget Committee member Dave Eaton. Mr. Eaton is not comfortable with increasing this budget by \$32,000.00. The increase is \$3,000.00 for fuel, \$7,500.00 for road striping and \$20,000.00 for a project on Lang Pond Road being completed in conjunction with DPW in Wolfeboro. Mr. Eaton feels that the money should come from the budget, and not add an additional \$20,000.00. Road Agent Bean was present and feels he could complete the work at a cheaper cost. Dave Eaton made a motion to approve 4312 for \$420,700.00. The motion was seconded by Tyler Phillips. Selectmen Representative Sundquist disagreed and she stated in the fall, all the Selectmen, Mr. Bean and Dave Ford of Wolfeboro met regarding this project. Mr. Ford has already done the engineering and permitting. She asked Mr. Bean why he didn't voice his concerns earlier. Lloyd Wood made a motion to table this discussion to allow Mr. Bean to speak with Mr. Ford about the project. The motion was seconded by Dave Eaton, who retracted his previous motion. The vote passed (4-2).
- 4415 – Health Agencies - \$29,759.00
 - Selectmen Representative Sundquist presented the change proposed to this budget. After the presentation by Mr. Rose of the Carroll County Transit, the Selectmen were approached by a number of residents who feel this \$3,000.00 would be a worthwhile contribution to make. Tyler Phillips has concerns about contributing to this project. He doesn't feel he had enough solid information and he really would like to see some more information. Selectmen Representative Sundquist stated that this program is in the beginning stages and that the service is really needed in the community. Dave Eaton stated that Carroll County has the oldest population in the state. Administrative Assistant Cathy Pounder commented that this service is not only used by elder residents, but by some of our residents in need that use the service to be transported to work. Lloyd Wood suggested giving it a year to see how successful it is. Mr. Phillips requested better information for next year. Tyler Phillips made a motion to increase 4415 by \$3,000.00 to \$29,759.00. The motion was seconded by Lloyd Wood, the vote passed (6-0).

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- Warrant Articles
 - Baler - \$12,750.00
 - Selectmen's Representative Sundquist presented this article which is recommended by the Selectmen and CIP. The baler would be used at the Transfer Station and Supervisor Gallagher explained the need for an additional baler. There is a \$2,500.00 grant available from NH the Beautiful. Tyler Phillips feels that the Transfer Station has been whipped into shape and this new baler takes care of an existing labor and safety issue. Dave Eaton made a motion to approve the baler for \$12,750.00. The motion was seconded by Bob Theve, the vote passed (6-0).
 - Backhoe - \$50,900.00
 - Selectmen's Representative Sundquist presented this article which is recommended by the Selectmen and that the CIP scheduled this article for 2013. The backhoe would be used at the Transfer Station and Supervisor Gallagher explained the need. The T-Rex would be traded in and there is a \$2,500.00 grant available from NH the Beautiful. A Backhoe would be used to prepare recyclables for shipment, reduce safety concerns and would allow substantial savings in transportation costs. Dave Eaton made a motion to approve the backhoe for \$50,900.00. The motion was seconded by Bob Theve, the vote passed (6-0).
 - Lang Pond Road/HEB Project - \$585,000.00
 - Selectmen's Representative Sundquist presented this article which is recommended by the Selectmen and CIP. There are severe deficiencies on Lang Pond Road at the culvert, bridge and about 1400 feet of road. This project was started a number of years ago and the permits are set to expire February 2013. H E Bergeron Engineers has done the engineering and will handle the Hazardous Mitigation Grant. This project has been approved as an acceptable project to apply for the

grant. This warrant is for \$185,000 and must be shovel-ready to qualify for the grant. This project will not go forward without the grant. Lloyd Wood made a motion to approve the Lang Pond Road/HEB Project for \$585,000.00. The motion was seconded by Selectmen's Representative Sundquist. Mr. Phillips expressed reservations about the lack of detail for this request, as well as the fact that H.E. Bergeron was involved. He asked questions about their prior work on Zadedda Farms. After much discussion Lloyd Wood made a motion to table this vote and asked for a better breakdown of costs. Selectmen's Representative Sundquist will provide additional detail. The motion was seconded by Tyler Phillips, the vote passed (6-0).

- Milfoil - \$45,000.00
 - Selectmen Duffy presented this article, which is recommended by the Selectmen and CIP. The chemical treatment would be done in about 52 acres in The Basin and surrounding areas. This will be a 2 step process, which will include hand pulling. The Tuftonboro Milfoil Control Committee has obtained a \$15,000.00 grant. Tyler Phillips made a motion to approve Milfoil for \$45,000.00. The motion was seconded by Bob Theve, the vote passed (6-0).
- Paving - \$185,000.00
 - Selectmen's Representative Sundquist presented this article which is recommended by the Selectmen and the CIP. This is a standard warrant article for \$185,000.00 for paving. The Road Agent is planning to complete the paving of Ledge Hill Road and Sodom Road. Dave Eaton questioned the need to appropriate the amount and asked if there were areas that could be cut back? Bob Theve made a motion to approved \$185,000.00 for Paving. The motion was seconded by Selectmen's Representative Sundquist, the vote passed (5-1).
- Mirror Lake Boat Launch/MLPA - \$33,000.00
 - Selectmen's Representative Sundquist presented this article which is recommended by the Selectmen and the CIP. Mirror Lake Protective Association (MLPA) has obtained information from an engineering firm, which is suggested stabilizing the launch with a 50ft concrete ramp and creating a trench drain to keep the lake clean. The completion of this project will be contingent on receiving a \$13,000.00 grant. Tyler Phillips presented a number of photographs of the area to show how unsafe the launch is in that spot. Mr. Phillips also mentioned Chief Shagoury 's concern for potential accidents in this blind location. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the lack of parking and the lack of visibility for vehicles approaching the ramp area. The concern is about vehicles backing into the ramp from the highway. The project was proposed in the past and the residents did not approve it. Ted Wright made a motion to approve \$33,000.00 for the Mirror Lake Boat Launch/MLPA. The motion was seconded by Dave Eaton, the vote failed (1-4-1).
- Warrant Articles to be discussed at the next meeting:
 - Fire Vehicle - \$65,000.00
 - Library Capital Reserve - \$75,000.00
 - Police Facility Capital Reserve - \$75,000.00
 - Melvin Wharf - \$29,500.00

VII. NEXT MEETING: January 24, 2012 @ 6:30pm

VIII. PUBLIC:

IX. ADJOURNMENT: At 9:00pm, Chairman Wright made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded Bob Theve, the motion passed (6-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene McWhirter
Budget Committee Secretary