

**Town of Greenville
Office of the Selectmen
PUBLIC HEARING ON 2011 PROPOSED WARRANT & BUDGET**

Wednesday, February 2, 2011 – Called to order and recessed to Wednesday, February 9, 2011

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Selectperson O'Keefe went to Town Hall during the snow storm and opened the meeting with Chairperson Bergeron on the phone. The motion was made a seconded to recess the meeting to the date posted on the original Public Notice: Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

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Chairperson Bergeron opened the meeting

In attendance: Chairperson Brenda Bergeron, Selectperson Kelle O'Keefe, Selectman Scott Blease, Town Administrator, Kelley Collins, Road Agent Thomas Plourde, Fire Chief James Stimans, Treasurer Linda Huszar, Water & Wastewater Operations Manager Carla Mary, Fire Wards Charles Buttrick, Derrick Fedders, and Ed White, Recreation & Parks Commissioner Rick Miller, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Kathy Valliere, and various members of the public

Chairperson Bergeron began with the 2011 Proposed Budget which starts on page 5 of the handouts.

Executive Office – no questions

Election & Registration – no questions

Financial – Town Office – no questions

Financial – Tax Collector – no questions

Treasurer – no questions

Legal – Ed White asked is this is what the town pays for lawyers. Selectmen noted it is.

Personnel Administration – Leon Proctor noted health insurance is jumping \$30,000 what is that? We moved one person from part time at 27 hours per week to 35 hours per week and that person became eligible for health insurance. We also have an employee with a one person plan leave the town's employ and hired someone with a two person plan. The health insurance rate actually went down .8% and dental went up 4.5%.

Planning & Zoning – no questions

General Government Buildings – question was asked why snow removal was zeroed out. The \$200 from snow removal was added to the Custodian's salary.

Insurance – Property – no questions

Regional Association – Southwest Regional Planning Commission – Shirley Winslow asked if the Selectmen feel they get value for this membership. The Board does.

Timber Control – no questions

Police Department – the public present agreed to skip over this and come back to it if the Chief makes it to the meeting.

Ambulance – no questions

Fire – someone mentioned that wages are up \$5,000. Yes the Chief noted that he is updating things and trying to hire up to 5 additional members plus there is a 2% increase in the stipend.

Building Inspection – Shirley Winslow noticed that the salary has gone down. Chairperson Bergeron explained that Don Baldinelli has been out on medical leave since May 2010. We have been utilizing the New Ipswich Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, Jim Shultz. We pay Mr. Shultz on an on-call

basis. The question was asked if this salary takes into account Mr. Baldinelli returning. Chairperson Bergeron stated that we anticipate staying with the on-call system.

Emergency Management – no questions

Forest Fire – no questions

Other Public Safety – County Dispatch – Charles Buttrick noted that there is also a dispatch line in the police department budget. The Town Administrator explained that the dispatch line in PD is so that we can get 38% of the police dispatch bill covered by Temple. This dispatch line is for our Fire and Highway Departments so they have to be in the Town's operation budget. There were questions asked about whether there is a contract with County for dispatch and we have never found a contract. There were also questions about how complaints regarding dispatch services would be handled? Do those go through fire department, police department or through the Selectmen?

Highway Administration – Shirley Winslow asked to meet the new Road Agent, Tom Plourde. Mr. Plourde was introduced.

Highway Streets – Leon Proctor noted that there is only \$12,000 budget for fuel – is this enough? He also noted that storm drains are zero'd out - is this where Richardson Road would be done from? The Town Administrator stated that the Board of Selectmen voted during their last meeting in December 2010, to encumber \$30,000 from 2010 fund balance for Richardson Road. The Board is unsure if \$12K will be enough for fuel they feel they will know more at Town Meeting in March and that number may need to be revised. Rick Miller wants to know why vehicle supplies has doubled. The Road Agent stated that he would like to add and make changes to the names of line items to better reflect what each category stands for. He explained that vehicle supplies includes the maintenance on the trucks plus and oil, filters, wiper blades, etc.

Street Lighting – There was a question about us spending more in 2009 than in 2010. The Town Administrator explained that this was actually a coding issue and that bills had been mis-coded in the past and that problem has been rectified.

Wilton Recycling – This is a one-year price but we do have a 5-year contract. The contract can be ended at the close of a fiscal year with 6 months written notice. The public asked if we can look at the cost of doing business with Shaw's. Chairperson Bergeron noted that we did look at doing business with Shaw's in 2008 and it would not have been cost effective at that time.

Health Officer – no questions

Animal Control – no questions

Health Agencies – The Town Administrator explained the new lines (CVTC – Contoocook Valley Transportation Company; NAHC – Nashua Area Health Center and food pantry), at Mr. Buttrick's request. Mr. Lambert spoke in support of these new agencies as well as Monadnock Family Services.

Welfare Assistance – no questions

Parks & Recreation – no questions

Library – Mr. Lambert stated that besides the pool the library is the only show in town. They do not just provide books, they have a story hours, knitting for a cause, movies on Saturdays at no charge and computers are available for the public to use.

Patriotic Purposes – Chairperson Bergeron noted that Telstar has been sold so we really do not know what the cost of doing fireworks will be in the upcoming year. Chip Bergeron (no relation to the Chair) grew up in town and gave us a discount for years, since he sold the company we are not sure what the cost will be.

Conservation – Marshal Buttrick is on the Conservation Commission and he explained that they review the wetland permits and make comments, including the one for Richardson Road. They manage the Town's forests and they hold the clean up day in the Spring.

Debt Services -

Debt Service	
	Payment Due
	in 2011
Note Payable to Farmer's Home Administration	3,825
(water project) in annual payments of \$3,825	
including interest at 3.2% to 2012	
Note Payable to Farmer's Home Administration	2,383
(water project) in annual payment of \$4,073	
including interest at 3.2% to 2011	
Note Payable to USDA in annual payments of	34,331
\$34,331 including interest at 4.5% to 2029	
Note Payable to USDA in annual payment of	54,618
\$54,816 including interest at 4.5% to 2029	
ARRA Funds for Wastewater Clarifier 50% of \$875,000	29,389.00
ARRA Funds for Water Meter Project 50% of \$125,000	from exp trust
	\$ 124,546.00

Capital Reserves & Expendable Trusts – these are not in the operation budget per the request of the Department of Revenue Administration. They are shown in warrant articles.

Water – Leon Procter asked the Operations Manager how much the department will see from Greenville Estates. She thought \$78,000 plus she noted that there should be an increase from Pilgrim Foods as their operations are using more water. Shirley Winslow asked where we are with the Adams Hill Water Tank project. The Operations Manager, Carla Mary, explained that they have hired a company to inspect the tank. Shirley Winslow asked if there was something in the system that would have triggered an alarm. Ms. Mary stated they would have received a low level alarm. Someone asked how this affects the town hydraulically? We don't know for sure. In 2007 when discussions on the tank came up there was a fire flow suppression test done. We have not done a new one since Greenville Estates came on the system.

Sewer – Marshal Buttrick asked about revenue for both water and sewer. Town Clerk/Tax Collector and Treasurer responded. There is approximately \$269,000 in the water revenue account and the Wastewater Department finished up the year owing the general fund approximately \$75,000.

The Board called a short intermission at 8:55 p.m.

Police Department – Chief McTague is away at training and therefore will not be attending this evening. Charles Buttrick asked if cruiser fuel line will be enough. The Selectmen noted that they tried to increase it and got it up \$1000 but they have misgivings about whether it is enough. Rick Miller wants to know why administrative secretary line is up 16%. Selectperson O'Keefe explained that the

administrative assistant there has been underpaid and basically we are now being asked to fix years of underpay. The Chief did submit a study showing that her pay is not in-line with others in the same field. Someone asked if one of the officers is acting as prosecutor. Not since 2008. We have a retainer with an attorney and our administrative staff assists.

The following requests were made:

Can we remove "professional services"

Can we number the pages from now on

Next year can we have revenue sheets for Water and Sewer utilities ready for the public hearing?

Warrant – Chairperson Bergeron read through the warrant.

Articles #4 and #5 cover Water and Sewer which were covered previously in this meeting

Article #6 – no questions

Article #7 – no questions

Article #8 – no questions

Article #9 - It was noted that this article will not raise taxes, it will come from the Water Revenue Fund which has a balance of \$269K which includes the \$100K that GEVD has paid the town to hook up to the water system

Article #10 – no questions

Article #11 – Shirley Winslow asked if we are guaranteed the Highway Block Grant money from the State of NH? The Chairperson stated that we are guaranteed two of the four installments. The Town Administrator did not that we received all the money earmarked for us in 2010 but that is no guarantee that we will get it in 2011.

Article #12 – Rick Miller asked if we are getting any money for the Police Station building from Temple. There was considerable discussion regarding the police station lease, the fact that we could continue to lease for \$700 but that Judge Taft will not pay taxes if we do that and we would still owe him the over \$12K in taxes he has paid for the 5 years of the lease plus water and sewer bills totaling \$1998.

Article #13 – David Hughes from Woodard and Curran explained that the EPA is requiring us to provide reports because we do not currently meet the requirements of our permitting with them. These reports and studies are part of the required design review and further updating required of our wastewater treatment system. Someone asked if there was any grant money available to do these reports and studies? The answer was no there is not generally any grant money for studies. The Operations Manager stated that they are looking at chemical treatment that may allow us to reduce this amount by \$115K and we hope to have those answers for Town Meeting.

Article #14 – by petition. Rick Miller asked where this property is? On Route 31. Charles Buttrick asked what year we are on of the 5-year insurance plan? He believes this is the final year. Last year the Town Meeting voted to accept the land. Where are we with that? The Fire Station Committee asked for \$30K to be added to this fund and the Board of Selectmen have reduced it to \$10K. Fire Chief, Jim Stimans, does not believe the fill on the property proposed for the fire station ever became an issue until Pitcherville came up for sale. He believes this is a slap in the face to the people who went out of their way to give the town something. The Board of Selectmen is not saying no to the land they just thought it was worth looking at the Pitcherville property. The Board also does not think this land is free, it may require disposal of some of the fill.

The Budget Hearing was closed by the Chairperson at 10:07 p.m.

The Board approved moving Article #12 to Article #3 and renumbering

The Board would like a letter prepared, from them to the Fire Station Committee, asking them to address the question of the fill on the Lamarre property.

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be on Wednesday, February 23, 2011.

Adjourned

This meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Kelley Collins/Town Administrator

Approved by:


Brenda Bergeron/Chairperson


Kelle O'Keefe/Selectperson


Scott Blease/Selectman