

**TOWN OF GREENVILLE, NH
2010 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES
February 3, 2010**

Chairman Blease opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance: Chairman Blease, Selectperson Bergeron; Selectperson O'Keefe, Town Administrator Kelley Collins, David Hughes and Carla Mary from Woodard & Curran, Police Chief McTague, Road Agent Dennis Heywood, Town Treasurer Linda Huszar, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Kathy Valliere, various residents and Committee members.

The Board opened with Warrant Article #3 which is the 2010 Proposed Budget. The Board of Selectmen noted that they would go section by section and asked those in attendance to please try to hold their questions until the end of each section.

Executive: There were questions on the increase to advertising, dues and subscriptions, administrator's salary, office supplies and office machines. The advertising increased largely due to advertising for unforeseen employment searches, notices for public hearing on ordinances or grants, etc. Dues and subscriptions has increased because the Board is going to make sure that both people in the office receive the same training so that everyone is cross trained. The administrator's salary now includes welfare officer (which was \$3708 in 2009 budget) and 3% is in the Water Department budget and 3% is in the WasteWater Department budget. Office supplies costs are up. Office machines included all new computers in 2009 and we don't have that expense this year.

Legal Fees: The Board noted that we have an abatement case that is being appealed to Superior Court which requires that we pay both our Assessing Company and our Attorney to assist us. This service is not included in our regular contract with the Assessing Company. We also have several other cases pending.

Health Insurance: The Board explained that the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's health insurance and retirement expense are included in her operating budget. The Police Department's benefits are included in their operating budget because Temple pays a portion of those costs. The Town Administrator and the Highway Department personnel's benefits are shown in the Personnel Administration budget. There was some further discussion on how many employees received insurance. The Town Administrator pointed out that although the health insurance increased 16.4% and the dental increased 5% because the former administrator had a two person plan and she has a single plan the net result is actually a slight decrease from last year's budget.

Regional Association: It was explained that this is our membership in the Southwest Regional Planning Association which assists us with demographics for grant applications, helps with Capital Improvement Plans (CIP) Master Plans, and is a great resource for planning and zoning boards.

Police: There was a question about the change between full and part time salaries. Chief McTague noted that the Town was lucky to be able to recruit dedicated, experienced officers. He explained that because some of these officers are retired (and collecting from NH Retirement) they cannot work full time so the town has designated them as part time officers and the change to this year's budget just recognizes that distinction.

Ambulance: Someone asked the status of the ambulance service. We received a budget from the ambulance service

Fire: There was some discussion regarding the fact that we paid off the ladder truck in 2009 and the truck lease showing now runs from 2007 – 2017. The residents asked that, in the future, leases include the year 'from' and 'to'. The Board agreed.

Building Inspection: A resident asked if we have an Assistant Building – we do not.

Highway & Streets: There was considerable discussion about the repairs necessary to Richardson Road. The Board noted that they encumbered \$13,801 from 2009 for 2010 road projects.

There was a question about whether we ever got the 12 ½% for the cover truck from Manchester? The Town Administrator was not sure but she noted that she would get an answer to that question for town meeting.

Welfare: Mr. Buttrick asked if there is enough in the welfare budget. The Town Administrator is not sure. She noted that they had spent 25% of the 2010 budget in the first 5 weeks of the year. It may be necessary to adjust this number at town meeting.

Parks & Recreation: There was a question about the water for the pool. It was noted that the water for the pool is separately metered so the town doesn't pay sewer costs on that water.

Water Department: The Board noted that Woodard & Curran is working on a rate study so we can adjust the fee schedule. This budget does not show the impact of Greenville Estates which is estimated @ 14 million gallons per year.

WasteWater: There was a question about whether wastewater was fully funded. The answer was no, it does not generate enough to cover expenses. It is about \$50K under.

The Board asked if there were any more questions on the Operating Budget.

Warrant Articles

Article #6: There was a question about when we might have to do the work on the Green Bridge. It was noted that since the bridge is not red tagged it would be hard to move it up on the State's list

Article #11. There was a question about whether we will actually get all our Highway Block Grant money from the State. No one knows the answer to this. Since the State of NH kept the Shared Revenues in 2009 anything is possible.

Article #13. The Board explained that we did not do this work in time in 2009 and there seemed little sense in trying to asphalt this in November. Since we did not do the work, the money was never withdrawn from the Capital Reserve Fund so we will start earlier in year with this for 2010.

Article #14. We have a letter of commitment to donate a piece of land off Route 31 for a new fire station. There is over \$92K in that account at the end of 2009.


Article #16. Chief McTague noted that he rotates the cruisers every eight years.

The Board asked if there were any more questions on the Budget or Warrant? There were not.

Adjournment

Selectperson O'Keefe made a motion to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Selectperson Bergeron seconded. Motion passed unanimously.


Submitted by: Kelley Collins/Town Administrator



Scott Blease/Chairman



Brenda Bergeron/Selectperson



Kelle O'Keefe/Selectperson