

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD  
BUDGET COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 3, 2010**

Present: Gary Winn, Chairman; Bob Brockmann, Selectboard Representative; Mike Wiggin, Spofford Fire Precinct Representative; Robert Goderre, CF&R Representative; Judy Idelkope, School Board Representative; Elliot Rowsey, John Koopman and Rich Kalich

Absent: Charles Perry, Bill Bucknell and Bayard Tracy

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

John Z moved to accept the January 30th school public hearing minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by John K and passed unanimously. John Z moved to approve February 3<sup>rd</sup> minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by John K and passed unanimously.

John Z moved to nominate Gary Winn as Chairman. The motion was seconded by Elliot and passed unanimously. John Z moved to nominate John Koopman as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded by Bob Brockmann and passed unanimously. Gary has made it known that he will not be able to commit to another 3-year term after this.

John K moved to establish the preferred meeting date as Tuesday. The motion was seconded by John Z and passed by majority. Elliot voted no.

Dan Cotter was suggested as a member of the Committee. Judy suggested asking Steve Laskowski if he would be willing to serve another 1-year term. There is a list of people interested in volunteering for the Town.

The Committee discussed the direction of the year. Bob B reported that there were several pressing issues from the Town. The front of the new Town Office building is heaving. There is an estimate of \$20,000 to dig up the sidewalk and repave. Mountain Road was supposed to be repaired by the Army Corps of Engineers now FEMA and DES are involved. There are fissures that have visibly increased in size 4 feet from the road in less than a month. The estimate to repair River Road is \$250,000 for material now. The grant for the Solar Panels at the Highway Garage has been approved. The grant for the Town Hall was denied. The Committee will have to meet again to confirm the vacant position. The question was asked about influencing the state. The state impacts the School and the Town. Meals & Room tax has been reduced from the Town portion. Catastrophic Aid could be reduced from the State for the School. 20% of the students account for 40% of the budget. Judy suggested that Chesterfield has a large population of home schoolers and private school. Those students may affect the average of special needs. The next meeting will be July 13th at 7:30 PM.

John Z requested a thank-you letter to the Selectboard and the Schools for the budgets that were presented. There will be discussion about a letter to town departments at the next meeting about budget committee expectations similar to last year's letter. Is there a way to influence the County? Bob B stated that only 3 people, besides himself, attended a meeting on the County budget and they were from Rindge. Over \$600,000 is needed to open the jail. There is an 8% increase in county this year in addition to 17% last year. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine  
Secretary