

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Budget 2000-2001 Workshop
November 23, 1999

ATTENDANCE: Tim Pomerleau, Chairman; Ada Brown; Betty McDermott; Michael McClellan; Mark Acker; Phil Hamilton, Budget Finance Committee; Nathan White, Road Commissioner; Jack Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer; Denis Morse, Fire Chief; and Nathan Poore, Town Manager.

1. Call to order. Tim Pomerleau opened the meeting at 7:00 pm at the Town Office.
2. Review draft budget submitted by Nathan Poore and determine if and what additional information is required to enter into deliberations on the budget.

DISCUSSION: Nathan Poore was asked to give an overview of the proposed budget. (Any accounts which are not shown were found to be acceptable.)

Acct # 0100 Administration: Salaries to have a 3% (cost of living) increase. Nancy Yates will be increased to 35 hours. The Town Planner and legal accounts will show an increase i.e. to allow for more ordinance work. Mr. Poore said that his suggested salary is a guess as his position is due for negotiation in the spring.

Acct #0125 Assessing: CAMA is paid for and therefore will not appear this year. There is also a salary increase for Elisa Trepanier which will allow her 35 hours between assessing and administration.

Acct #0200 Town Office: Building Design allowance is gone and may be picked up in the next budget.

Acct #0400 Insurance: Mr. Acker questioned the amounts and Mr. Poore said he would provide more information at their next meeting. Mr. Pomerleau felt that the ICMA base should be not at full value possible but at what historically is has been.

Acct #0600 Fire Department: Chief Morse answered many informational questions and the Selectmen didn't have any suggested cuts at this time.

Acct #0630 Law Enforcement: There was much discussion about the value of this service and whether Raymond should be paying for Sheriff's coverage when it should be a part of our County tax payment. The Selectmen wanted to talk with Chief Dion about this situation. It was decided to withdraw this proposed article for the Town Meeting Warrant for this year.

Acct #0650 Dispatch: Mr. Acker questioned whether the Central Maine Power amount was duplicated in the Administration CMP account. Mr. Poore said he would investigate and report at the next meeting.

Acct #0800 Public Works: It was decided to table this account until their next meeting.

Acct #1200 Cemeteries: Mrs. Brown asked that Hasty Cemetery on the Cape Road be included in the noted cemeteries.

Non-Property Tax Revenues:

Acct #R3575 Tassel Top: Mr. Pomerleau felt that the total debt should not be forgiven but that an annual payment could be delayed.

3. Review meeting schedule for balance of the budgeting cycle. No changes.

4. Old business. None

5. New business.

a. Selectmen's remuneration. Mr. Hamilton expressed his desire to see the Selectmen's salary increased for the amount of work they now must do for the Town. Mr. Pomerleau said that it would be nice to have their expenses paid for going to out of town meetings. Mr. Poore said that the travel expense in Administration could be increased to cover more of their expenses. Mr. McClellan concurred that added mileage would be appreciated. Mr. Poore asked if they would give him an estimate of their mileage so that he could budget for it.

b. New fire station. Discussion about the possible new fire station. Mr. Poore said that he would recommend doing the fire station before anything substantial was done to the town office.

6. Adjourn.

MOTION: Tim Pomerleau motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Tim Pomerleau adjourned the meeting at 9:32 pm.