

April 28, 2008

Present: Regular Members: Jack Boyer, Jack Field, Michael Jackson, Craig Schoon,

Alternates Members: Liddy Adams, Arthur DuBois

Selectmen: Mark Lyon, Nick Solley

2008-2009 Budget Discussion:

General Fund: The Board continued discussion of the proposed budget. Mark reported certain line items had been reduced:

036 -Recycling: Reduced tires/metal to \$2,000. Reduced hazardous Waste/E-waste to \$10,300. E-waste costs should be offset by income received at Transfer Station.

047 -Annual Repairs: Bldg/Grounds Supervisor: Reduced from 20 to 16 hrs/week to \$23,061.

048 - Animal Control: mileage/phone reduced to \$1,800.

006 - Building Department: Expense for building inspections are based on a contract with William T. P. Jenks & Associates. These expenses include his services, as well as additional inspectors, secretaries, etc. All income received from building permit fees is deposited directly to the Town. 27% of the income derived is paid to Mr. Jenks to cover his services. Thus, the Town actually does not have an expense in this area other than postage, secretarial and office supplies. How best to indicate this in the Expenditure budget was discussed at length. This discussion will be continued.

Total General Fund - Reduced from initial proposal of \$3,949,243 to \$3,937,936.

Nonrecurring Capital Fund:

Painter Ridge Road: After reviewing the increased costs and guidelines required to meet the standards to obtain a State Rural Road Minor Connector Grant, the Selectmen did not feel this project warranted the type of roadwork that would be required for the grant.

Bridge Work: Reduced from \$150,000 to \$50,000. Projects currently budgeted will be completed. In the next fiscal year, they plan to return to setting aside a specific amount on an annual basis. A forecast of bridge replacements and road repair/reconstruction will be provided at that time.

Town Hall Cupola: Reduced from \$85,000 to \$65,000. It was suggested \$19,000 remaining in previous capital items for town hall repair could be applied to this project.

Town Hall Office Analysis: Added \$9,000.

Total Capital reduced to \$1,150,176 net.

Town Clerk Request - CGS 7-34a(d)a and (e): Town Clerk Sheila Anson submitted a request to the Board to approve a separate account for funds received from the State in accordance with CGS 7-34a (d) and (e). These funds(approximately \$2,000 each/year) are specifically to be used for historic document preservation of Town records and their management and related costs as defined in CGS 11-8j(6). They are derived from Farm Land Preservation, Land Protection, Affordable Housing and Historic

Preservation. If not spent in a fiscal year, funds should remain available to the town clerk for following years. Jack Boyer moved the Board approve the establishment of a separate account for this purpose. Future income will no longer be deposited to the General Fund.

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Gollow, Secretary