

Minutes 6/15/06 Allenstown Budget Committee

Members present: Dennis Carmichael, Dan Howe, Roger LaFleur, Robin McAfee, Henriette Girard, Peter Viar, Tom Irzyk, Larry Anderson, Sted Holton, Phyllis Parker

Excused absence: Jennifer Morin

Also present: Police Chief Shaun Mulholland, Roger Baron, Ray Guilbeault, Mike Senecal, and Tom Gilligan

In the absence of Jennifer, Dennis Carmichael brought the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

The first order of business was to accept the minutes of the May 18th, 2006 meeting. Larry made the motion to accept the minutes and Dan seconded. The vote passed by a vote of 8 to accept and two abstained, as they were not at the May meeting.

Dennis then asked if there were any questions on the budget sheet. Roger had a few questions but Peter explained that since the year was about half over the town was in good shape financially even with the high gasoline and oil costs.

Dennis then asked if there was anything in the rules about relatives being on the same committees. Kelley checked and there is nothing in the RSA's about that.

Peter asked Police Chief Shaun Mulholland how the men liked the new second in command officer. Shaun explained that he had had him come in and ride around with all the officers and they all liked him very much.

The next discussion was on the Sewer Commission. Peter explained that he had called the sewer department as a rate payer, and since there were so many errors on the bills, wrong billing cycle dates, and nothing about interest being added if not paid by the due date. He and every other ratepayer could refuse to pay their bills and they could not be charged interest on it.

Robin then asked if it was legal for them to have made the raise in the rates retro active to their Jan-March billing cycle. Peter explained that there was basically nothing we could do about it according to state laws. After further discussion Larry motioned and Sted seconded to drop the matter with the sewer commission altogether. It passed by a vote of 8 for and 2 against

Tom Irzyk then explained a couple of expenditures that the school board had had that they did not plan on. One was a hole in the roof at the ARD School and the other was for

some more asbestos removal. As school is winding down he will be able to present exact figures at the August meeting on how the year turned out for the school board financially.

Peter then asked Ray Guilbeault and Roger Baron if they wanted to become members and they both stated they were not ready to commit and wanted to come to one or two more meetings before they committed.

Mike Senecal and Tom Gilligan were then introduced and both asked why they wanted to become members. Mike explained that he was a businessman and wanted to get involved with the operation of the town. Tom has been on several of the boards in this town and wanted to remain active in town affairs.

It was then explained that there were 4 interested people and only 3 positions available. Mike did state that he was also interested in the Zoning board. He also is going to return at our next meeting and then decide.

Tom Gilligan was definitely interested in becoming a member. Peter then made the motion to accept him as a member with Dan seconding. It passed by a vote of 8 to accept him, 1 against and 1 abstaining.

Kelly then passed out binders to all the budget committee members.

The date of our next meeting was set for August 17, 2006 at 7:00 pm at the town hall.

Dennis then recessed the meeting at 7:47pm

Kelly then stated that she realized we had recessed but as the police department is the first department to present their budgets to the selectmen in August, two people should be at their budget sessions from our board. Sted Holton and Dan Howe volunteered and will be attending the police departments budget meetings.

Note: As we were coming in to start our meeting on June 15h, it was told that we had no tape recorder as it was once again locked in Jim Rogers's desk. Our Police Chief was kind enough to go and bring a tape recorder he had to the meeting. However the next morning when I started work on the minutes all I had on the 90-minute tape was 90 minutes of static. That left me with just my memory of what got discussed. I asked those that I knew asked questions, but not exactly how they worded them, and only one was willing to answer my request. So if I gave someone credit for asking a question and it was not that person I apologize. The only things I wrote down were who was in attendance, which had an excused absence and our guests. Votes were so recorded on the voting sheets that I have. I did not take notes otherwise as I believed that all that material was on the tape. I shall take some notes on a regular basis so this does not happen again. I apologize for not having 100% retention memories. I hope all the necessary things are covered.

