

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
BUDGET/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Town Hall Council Chambers
May 12, 2005**

Present: Kenneth DiFazio, Chairperson
Susan Kay
Michael Molisse
Colin McPherson
Paul Leary

Also Present: James Wilson, Chief Financial Officer
Richard Swanson, Town Treasurer
Jane Hackett, Chief of Staff

Recording Secretary: Janet Murray

Chairman DiFazio called the Budget/Management Committee Meeting to order at 6:30pm.

FISCAL YEAR 2006 BUDGET MEASURES

Richard Swanson spoke of revenue concerns regarding the whether the Town will receive State aid of \$500,000 and the fact that the 53rd week is not included in the budget.

James Wilson stated that the Mayor sees the current budget as a work in progress. He handed out a spreadsheet showing projected figures. He noted that if the balance of Free Cash, which is \$806,540, is expended for the snow removal deficit, the deficit will be reduced to \$41,644.24.

Mr. Wilson then detailed the items on the spreadsheet and noted that the 53rd week will be prefunded. He also noted that he included a number of items in the budget such as the funding for the traffic supervisors contract which was signed today, as well as a copier for the treasurer's office, the fire alarm lease, and vehicle maintenance for DPW.

FY 05 is projected to end with a surplus of \$195,596.40. However, in going over the numbers for FY 06, he projected a potential deficit of \$595,099.94. With FY 06 Free Cash projected at \$500,596.40, from the surplus from FY 05 and \$305,000 in Bond Premium, a deficit is expected in FY 06 of approximately \$95,000.

Mr. Wilson stated that there are currently nine (9) union contracts still to be negotiated.

Councilor McPherson asked when the Town would have a permanent bond on the high school project. Mr. Wilson stated that this would happen after the audit in September.

After some discussion, it was decided that a brief overview of the budget would be given at the full Town Council meeting.

Councilor Kay asked if the Administration could give the Budget/Management Committee a weekly update. Ms. Hackett stated that she is in touch with Councilor DiFazio, and President Lacey when changes occur.

It was noted that a 53rd week occurs every six (6) years. However, Mr. Wilson stated that the Department of Revenue does not allow the setting aside of funds for this.

05 034-Operating Measure #1-Appropriation to CIP Account

A MOTION was made by Councilor DiFazio to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on Item #05 034 and was seconded by Councilor Molisse and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

05 035-Operating Measure #2-Gift and Donation Account

A MOTION was made by Councilor DiFazio to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on Item #05 035 and was seconded by Councilor Molisse and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

05 036-Operating Measure #3-Order to Expend and Receive Funds in Certain Revolving Accounts

A MOTION was made by Councilor DiFazio to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on Item #05 036 and was seconded by Councilor Molisse and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

05 037-Operating Measure #4-Authorization for Use of Stabilization Account

A \$600,000 loan was taken from this account to fund Chapter 90 projects. The State allots money under Chapter 90. However, the Town must first expend the money and then the State reimburses the Town and that money is put back into the Stabilization Account

A MOTION was made by Councilor DiFazio to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on Item #05 037 and was seconded by Councilor Molisse and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

05 038-Operating Measure #5-Operation for Use Sale of Town Owned Property

A MOTION was made by Councilor DiFazio to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on Item #05 038 and was seconded by Councilor Molisse and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

05 039-Operating Measure #6-Appropriation Police Details

A MOTION was made by Councilor DiFazio to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on Item #05 039 and was seconded by Councilor Molisse and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

05 040-Operating Measure #7-Payment Property, Casualty and Other Insurances

A MOTION was made by Councilor DiFazio to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on Item #05 040 and was seconded by Councilor Molisse and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

05 041-Operating Measure #8-Payment of Fire Alarm Lease

A MOTION was made by Councilor DiFazio to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on Item #05 041 and was seconded by Councilor Molisse and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

05 042-Operating Measure #9-Postage

A MOTION was made by Councilor DiFazio to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on Item #05 042 and was seconded by Councilor Molisse and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

05 043-Operating Measure #10-Fiscal Year 2006 Appropriation

A Public Hearing will be held on this item on Monday, May 16, 2005.

A MOTION was made by Councilor DiFazio to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on Item #05 043 and was seconded by Councilor Molisse and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

05 044-Operating Measure #11-Water Enterprise Appropriation Fund

A MOTION was made by Councilor DiFazio to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on Item #05 044 and was seconded by Councilor Molisse and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

05 045-Operating Measure #12-Sewer Enterprise Appropriation Order

A MOTION was made by Councilor DiFazio to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on Item #05 045 and was seconded by Councilor Molisse and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

05 046-Operating Measure #13-Sewer Enterprise Fund Appropriation Order

A MOTION was made by Councilor DiFazio to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on Item #05 046 and was seconded by Councilor Molisse and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

05 048-Capital Request #2-Bond Authorization-Route 18 Water Mains

A MOTION was made by Councilor DiFazio to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on Item #05 048 and was seconded by Councilor Molisse and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:35 pm, there being no further business, A MOTION was made by Councilor Molisse to ADJOURN and was seconded by Councilor Kay and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Approved by: _____
Kenneth DiFazio, Chairperson