

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Town Hall Council Chambers
October 18, 2004

PRESENT: Kenneth DiFazio-Chairman, Sue Kay, Paul Leary, Michael Molisse

OTHERS: Franklyn Fryer, George Lane, Richard Swanson, Jim Wilson

Chairman DiFazio called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

04 181 Reappointment of Clerk of the Council-Franklyn Fryer

Paul Leary expressed his dissatisfaction and concern with the most recent elections in regards to parking problems, miscommunications, changes in polling locations.

Franklyn Fryer responded that he appreciated Councilor Leary's concerns, and he is aware of the problems.

Sue Kay also expressed her concern with the upcoming November elections and suggested that a list of recommendations for improvements be created and then each issue addressed.

A MOTION was made by Paul Leary to send favorable action to the full Town Council with regards to the reappointment of Clerk of the Council-Franklyn Fryer and was seconded by Sue Kay and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

04 183 Reserve Fund Transfer-Weaver Road-\$150,000

Mr. Wilson presented this item to the members of the Committee. He stated that this will allow town water and sewer line hook-up for residents located on Weaver Road. He also stated that the current situation is a public health issue.

Michael Molisse stated that there have been problems on Weaver Road that this project will address.

A MOTION was made by Sue Kay to send favorable action to the full Town Council on the reserve fund transfer-Weaver Road-\$150,000 and was seconded by Michael Molisse and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

04 184 Reserve Fund Transfer-NAS Consultants-\$20,000

Mr. Wilson presented this matter to the members of the Committee. He stated that at the request of the Mayor, no action be taken at this time due to the possibility of grants being obtained in the future for funding.

Paul Leary asked for specifics regarding the plans for obtaining grants.

Councilor DiFazio stated that because there is no definite timeline for the plans for obtaining grants for this, he does not wish to have this matter be tabled in Committee indefinitely.

A MOTION was made by Paul Leary to send negative action to the full Town Council on the reserve fund transfer-NAS Consultants-\$20,000 and was seconded by Sue Kay and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

04 185 Appropriate \$150,000-Water/Sewer Fund for Fire Hydrant Replacement

Chief Leary stated that due to the extreme cold last winter, there were an unusually high number of freeze-ups causing residents to lose their water in their homes for periods of time. This item will allow for new 1 inch pipes which will be buried deeper underground and, therefore, less likely to freeze.

Michael Molisse expressed his concerns for the citizens who lost their water due to the freeze-ups, and he asked when the expected completion date is for the project. Chief Leary hoped that it would be before January 2005.

A MOTION was made by Michael Molisse to send favorable action to the full Town Council to appropriate \$150,000-water/sewer fund for fire hydrant replacement and was seconded by Sue Kay and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

04 186 Reserve Fund Transfer-Landing Project-\$37,920.78

Mr. Wilson stated that the Mayor seeks approval for this reserve fund transfer for the Landing Project.

Sue Kay asked how much of the contract has been paid to which Mr. Wilson responded, approximately \$81,000.

Sue Kay further stated that in the future business of this nature come before the Committee in a timely manner.

A MOTION was made by Michael Molisse to send favorable action to the full Town Council for the reserve fund transfer-Landing Project-\$37,920.78 and was seconded by Sue Kay and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

At this time, Chairman DiFazio spoke in regards to the Community Preservation Act-Measure 04 179, and asked for the Committee's approval to report to the full Town Council that an informational presentation will be given on November 8, 2004 before the Town Council.

A MOTION was made by Sue Kay that an announcement be made to the full Town Council that an informational presentation with regards to the Community Preservation Act, be given on November 8, 2004 and was seconded by Michael Molisse and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Molisse motioned to adjourn. Councilor Kay seconded and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Santacroce Burt
Recording Secretary

Approved by: _____
Kenneth DiFazio
Chairman