

## TOWN OF SEABROOK

## BUDGET MEETING

NOVEMBER 29, 2007

Present: Jason Janvrin  
Peg Weare  
Richard Maguire  
Aboul Khan  
Cora Stockbridge  
Richard McCann  
Ivan Eaton  
Scott Dunn

6:00PM

Mr. Janvrin opened the meeting at 6:00PM.

## **PREVIOUS MINUTES - NOVEMBER 8, 2007**

Mrs. Stockbridge had a few corrections.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT - 220**

Acting Police Chief, Pat Manthorn was present for his budget.

There was general discussion on the money to be added for the detective's position.

MOTION: Cora E. Stockbridge To reduce the previous  
Second: Jason Janvrin figure of \$21,423 to  
\$19,762 plus \$17,410  
for benefits.

Mr. McCann said he would not be in favor of the position, as he did not feel it is warranted. Mr. Maguire does not feel that the department is understaffed and would not support the position.

Chief Manthorn said the position had been recommended in the past and the sole purpose would be keeping the drugs out of Seabrook. He explained the need for additional personnel based on the needs of the Seabrook community.

Mrs. Stockbridge favors the position as the people have been asking for help to keep the drugs out of the town.

Mr. Maguire commented that 2 years ago the budget did not pass and the drug officer was in that budget. Last year the budget did pass and the drug officer was not in the budget. He said he is not saying the budget did not pass because of the position.

Opposed: Richard A. McCann and Richard Maguire

Abstain: Peg Weare and Aboul Khan

Motion did not pass.

MOTION: Richard A. McCann

Second: Aboul Khan

To recommend the  
selectmen's figure of  
\$3,224,175.00.

Mrs. Stockbridge said this would be without the money added last week.

Opposed: Cora E. Stockbridge, Jason Janvrin, Ivan Eaton and Richard Maguire

Abstain: Peg Weare

Motion did not pass.

MOTION: Cora E. Stockbridge

Second: Jason Janvrin

To recommend the  
figure of \$3,264,758  
that includes additional  
money for part-time,  
FICA and training.

Mrs. Stockbridge explained how she came up with the figure.

Opposed: Richard A. McCann and Richard Maguire

Motion passed.

MOTION: Cora E. Stockbridge

Second: Jason Janvrin

Opposed: Richard A. McCann  
Richard Maguire

Motion passed.

To amend the bottom-line  
budget to \$3,266,758.

Mr. Maguire called point of order to budget schedule and requested the smaller budgets be done first and hold off on the town managers budget. Committee decided to let the fire chief go and do his budget at the next meeting.

There was general discussion on town managers memo and the positions within the sewer department. Mrs. Stockbridge believes the two positions for the operators required to be filled by the EPA order but she still needs to research further.

Mr. Dunn explained the health insurance spreadsheet to Mr. Maguire.

Mr. McCann said the board should discuss the lease purchase that is in the budget and also for the default budget.

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**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - 240**

Joe Titone was present for his budget.

Mr. Titone said the only increase is to the health insurance for the shared position.

MOTION: Richard Maguire  
Second: Ivan Eaton  
Unanimous

To recommend the selectmen's figure of \$130,059.00.

**WELFARE ADMINISTRATION - 470**

Bonnie Armentrout was present for her budget.

Mrs. Armentrout gave a brief overview of the budget.

MOTION: Ivan Eaton  
Second: Richard A. McCann  
Unanimous

To recommend the selectmen's figure of \$79,165.00.

Mr. Maguire noted for the record that the health benefits equal 69% of the salary where they used to equal 40%; this is for all budgets not just the welfare.

**WELFARE DEPARTMENT - 471**

Bonnie Armentrout was present for her budget.

Mrs. Armentrout explained the decreases in the budget.

MOTION: Ivan Eaton  
Second: Cora E. Stockbridge  
Unanimous

To recommend the selectmen's figure of \$155,800.00.

**WATER DEPARTMENT - 520**

Mike Jeffers was present for his budget.

Mr. Jeffers said the increase is due to one employee being transferred back to the water department. He said he has also requested a chief water operator.

Mrs. Stockbridge asked about the arsenic plant that is to be built and what status it is in. Mr. Jeffers explained that the pilot study as been done. Mr. Dunn said the goal is to have a figure for this town meeting and have it on the ballot. He said they are looking at approximately 7-10 million dollars. The cost increase over the amount in 2004 is due to the number of wells it will treat. Mr. Dunn said they are about 50% complete for the design phase.

Mr. Jeffers said article #17 treats the wells and there is about \$87,103.00 remaining.

The water meter article appropriated 3.6 million. Mr. Dunn said no new money could be spent out of this after 12/31. He said there would be about 1 million returned to the general fund.

Mrs. Weare asked what line 342 is used for. Mr. Jeffers explained it and what the benefits are. Mr. Janvrin asked if this would interact with the other departments like a true GIS system. Mr. Jeffers explained that yes that is the goal.

Mrs. Stockbridge questioned the justification on the new position, says it looks as though it is for 2 new positions. Mr. Dunn said the selectmen's recommendation is only for one position and that it must be a typo.

There was general discussion on the levels of supervisors for the sewer vs. water departments. Mr. Jeffers said there are currently 3-4 certified water operators. He said N.H. is the only state that says you can have just one certified operator. Mr. Dunn said this position is really needed and he supports this position as well as the selectmen.

Mr. Maguire asked about the water meter billing for residential service. Mr. Dunn said they are looking to engage services from an outside source to look at the billing system.

Mr. Dunn commented that the water treatment system would also include a lagoon for the sludge that increased the cost of the system.

MOTION: Richard A. McCann To recommend the  
Second: Aboul Khan selectmen's figure of  
Opposed: Cora E. Stockbridge \$1,173,184.00.  
Motion passed.

Mr. Maguire said he voted in favor of the new position as he felt it was well justified by the selectmen and the town manager.

GRUHN SITE REMEDIATION - 525

Mike Jeffers was present for his budget.

Mr. Jeffers explained the increase is due to the new permits.

MOTION: Jason Janvrin To recommend the  
Second: Ivan Eaton selectmen's figure of

Unanimous \$25,000.00.

Committee took a five-minute break at 7:45PM.  
Reconvened at 7:52PM.

**LIBRARY - 480**

Ann Robinson, Eric Small and Brian Felch were present for the budget.

The cost for books are in the budget but they have a backup warrant article in case the budget does not pass.

Mr. Small said the library budget was level funded with the addition of the books.

Mr. Small explained the second warrant article for maintenance on the library. This article would have no impact on the tax rate.

MOTION: Ivan Eaton To recommend the  
Second: Richard A. McCann selectmen's figure of  
Unanimous \$520,962.00.

There was general discussion on warrant articles and when they are due.

Human Service Agencies are on the next agenda and Mr. Janvrin asked if anyone would like agencies to come in. The committee is all set with what has been presented.

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - 172**

MOTION: Richard Maguire To recommend the  
Second: Richard A. McCann selectmen's figure of  
Unanimous \$5,979.00.

**ELECTION & REGISTRATION - 142**

MOTION: Cora E. Stockbridge To recommend the  
Second: Richard A. McCann selectmen's figure of  
Unanimous \$20,598.00.

**TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUND - 135**

MOTION: Cora E. Stockbridge To recommend the  
Second: Richard A. McCann selectmen's figure of  
Unanimous \$601.00.

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MOTION: Richard A. McCann  
Second: Ivan Eaton  
Unanimous

To adjourn the meeting  
at 8:20PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.  
Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor

Approved and endorsed:

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Paula Wood, Chairman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_