

**Approved Minutes of the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC)**  
**Wed. October 26, 2005**

**Members present**

Steve Andersen  
Rae Barnhisel  
Mike Darnell  
Wayne Edwards  
Brian Kullgren

**Others present**

Charlene Eddy (Select Board)  
Will Wildes (Fire Dept.)  
Rich Beringer (Fire Dept.)  
Mary Nutting

**Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm**

1. Minutes from October 12, 2005, approved as amended.
2. Members discussed the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Committee vacancies and terms. Barnhisel was asked to draft a letter stating Andersen's resignation and recommending Edwards as his replacement.
3. Members discussed the line of credit proposed by the Friends of Town Hall for finishing the addition and requested that Andersen provide a breakdown of the legal expenses incurred to date.
4. Members discussed the following with respect to the 10/12/05 draft of the Budget Worksheet:
  - a. p. 4 Legal Expenses remains the same at \$16,500. Andersen reminded members that \$9000 had been added at the last Town Meeting to cover legal expenses associated with the Skladany property and proposed the line item be decreased to \$9500.
  - b. p. 9 Other Public Safety remains unchanged. Members agreed that the category and line items need clarification. Since the interview with the Highway dept. head, Town Diesel Fuel has been increased from the proposed \$15,000 to \$20,000 (+\$5000). Comments regarding "20%, 15%, and 10%" increases are not clear.
  - c. p. 10 Animal Control line items that have been zeroed out for 2 years need to be deleted. Since the interview with the AC officer, Dog License Fees has been increased from the proposed \$100 to \$1100 (+\$1000).
  - d. p. 11 Library has been changed since the interview with the Librarian. Dues/Review/Material/Training has been increased from the proposed \$105 to \$450 (+\$345); Postage has been increased from the proposed \$50 to \$100 (+\$50); and Newsletter has been decreased from the proposed \$200 to \$100 (-\$100)
  - e. Members noted that the budgets for the Planning Board, Zoning Board, and BAC had been added in but the ConCom budget had not been added. Andersen stated that he spoke with ConCom Chair, P. Quinn and was told to keep the line items the same as last year.

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5. Fire Engineers W. Wildes and R. Beringer presented their proposed budget (p. 11):
  - a. *Decrease* Health and Safety by 3% from \$1300 to \$700 (-\$600).
  - b. *Increase* Telephone from \$700 to \$800 (+\$100). Change comments to read cell phone and fire station land line.
  - c. *Increase* Hose Replacement from \$1200 to \$1500 (+\$300). Change comments to read 4" supply line.
  - d. *Increase* Foam from \$250 to \$350 (+\$100).
  - e. *Increase* Training from \$1600 to \$2800 (+\$1200).
  - f. *Insert* Radio Maintenance in blank line item.
  - g. *Add* 2-way Radio and delete Pager number in Radio Equipment comments.
  - h. *Decrease* Rescue Squad Expenses from \$3000 to \$1500 (-\$1500).
  - i. The remaining line items will stay the same.

The proposed 2006 Fire Dept. budget represents a net decrease of \$400. There was discussion of the Highway Dept.'s Environmental Facility Compliance Audit fire code violations, Temple's Emergency Management capability, and the proposed dry hydrants in Tamposi's pending subdivision. Barnhisel was asked to relay information to the Planning Board that the dry hydrant proposed for the Stonegate subdivision had not been installed.

6. Members and discussed various tax rate scenarios and agreed to attend the tax rate meeting with DRA on 10-28-05.
7. Andersen and Kullgren stated they would not be able to attend the 11-9-05 BAC meeting. All agreed that members could still meet to discuss the budget without a quorum. Andersen reminded members of the BAC's 12-14-05 meeting with the Select Board.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Rae Barnhisel  
12/14/05