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Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 22, 2009

Meeting Minutes

Advisory Members Present: R. Barnes, David Holdcraft, Nick Thomo, Barbara Wilson, H. Lemieux.

Absent: M. Charpentier, Greg Burnham, Bev Lund.

Called to Order by Chairman Lemieux at 7:00 p.m.

Distribution of Binders with FY10 Budgets: The Committee members received their binders with all the budgets received to date for FY10.

Discussion on Meeting Schedule and Department/Commission Budget Review: The Committee agreed to change the meeting schedule from the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, to the 1st and 3rd Thursdays. Chairman Lemieux gave projected total budget forecast for FY10 using the budgets received to date and assuming the budgets not yet received were level funded. There was a short discussion on an upcoming Reserve Fund Transfer for Unemployment Insurance for a police officer who was laid off and damage done to snowplow.

School Committee FY10 Budget Update: B. Wilson, the Advisory Committee and Selectmen's liaison for the School Committee budget meetings, gave an update on the School Committee Budget; the School is trying to attain a level funded budget. The school is projecting that there will have to be cuts. In trying to achieve a level funded budget, the school would have to use School Choice funds and money from their E&D account. There was general discussion on the costs of transportation.

Reimbursement for Expenses: The committee members signed a voucher for reimbursement for expenses incurred by Chairman Lemieux for office supplies.

Information Request from Town Accountant: The Committee asked B. Wilson to request the Ambulance Receipts Account Balance and Stabilization Fund Balance from the Town Accountant.

Department Head Meeting: The Committee agreed to relay to the Selectmen and other department heads at the Department Head Meeting that at this point the Committee cannot support a COLA, especially in lieu of the projected 10% cut in State Aid. Since Chairman Lemieux cannot attend the meeting, the Committee asked B. Wilson to go as the Committee's representative.

Adjournment: N. Thomo moved and R. Barnes seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 pm. Approved unanimously.

Approved on 2/5/09
Heather Lemieux