

ATTENDANCE

Chairman: Karen Falcone; Selectmen: Dianne Gilbert; James McGeough; Bob Jordan; Town Administrator: Dean Shankle; Administrative Assistant: Judith Bielecki; Selectman Rene Archambault was absent.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Falcone called the public session to order at 6:00 PM at the Epping town Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag followed.

2. BUDGET APPOINTMENTS

BUDGET – Tax Collection

Tax Collection Budget for 2011 in the amount of \$57,710.00 was presented for approval.

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to approve the Tax Collection Budget in the amount of \$57,710.00 with an increase of 2.98% and forward to the Budget Committee. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 4-0.

BUDGET – Town Clerk

Town Clerks Budget for 2011 in the amount of \$84,895.00 was presented for approval. Mrs. Foley asked whether the addition of \$11,400 to hire a part-time employee should be included on the budget or placed on a warrant article. Selectman Gilbert requested a warrant article be submitted for the additional employee.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the Town Clerks Budget in the amount of \$84,895.00 with an increase of 3.00% and forward to the Budget Committee. Seconded by Selectman Gilbert. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to approve a warrant article for a part-time employee for the Town Clerks Office at a proposed salary of \$11,400.00. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.

BUDGET – Election & Registration

Election & Registration Budget for 2011 in the amount of \$9,440.00 was presented for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the Election & Registration Budget in the amount of \$9,440.00 and forward to the Budget Committee. Seconded by Selectman Gilbert. Motion carried 4-0.

BUDGET – Police Department

Police Department Budget for 2011 in the amount of \$1,395,685.00 was presented for approval. Chief Dodge requested the addition of \$1,250.00 to the Professional Services line. He requested consideration of three warrant articles: for a police cruiser; additional full-time police officer; purchase of six automated external defibrillators.

Motion by Selectman McGeough to approve the Police Department Budget in the amount of \$1,396,935.00 and forward to the Budget Committee. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.

Proposed warrant article for the lease of one Police Department Cruiser for a three year contract with a total cost of \$48,899.53 and yearly estimated cost of \$195,730.00 was presented by Chief Dodge.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the warrant article for the lease of one Police Department Cruiser for a three year contract with a total cost of \$48,899.53 and yearly estimated cost of \$16,299.84. Seconded by Selectman Gilbert. Motion carried 3-0.

Proposed warrant article for the hiring of one additional full-time Police Officer to be funded through the Federal COPS Hiring Grant with a first year contract of \$43,500.53. Approval would call for a total estimated cost of \$195,730.00 and would not be any tax impact for this officer.

Motion by Selectman McGeough to approve the warrant article for the hiring of one full-time Police Officer for a three year contract funded by the Federal COPS Hiring Grant with the first year cost of \$43,500.53 and a total cost of \$195,730.00. Seconded by Selectman Gilbert. Motion carried 4-0.

Proposed warrant article for the purchase of six Automated External Defibrillators (AED) with a total of \$801.00 was presented by Chief Dodge.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the warrant article for the purchase of six Automated External Defibrillators (AED) with a total of \$801.00. Seconded by Selectman Gilbert. Motion carried 4-0.

BUDGET – Animal Control

Animal Control Budget for 2011 in the amount of \$6,340.00 was presented for approval.

Motion by Selectman McGeough to approve the Animal Control Budget in the amount of \$6,340.00. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.

BUDGET – Safety Complex
Tabled.

BUDGET - Board of Selectmen

Board of Selectmen Budget for 2011 in the amount of \$22,300.00 was presented for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the Board of Selectmen Budget in the amount of \$22,300.00 and forward to the Budget Committee. Seconded by Selectman Gilbert. Motion carried 4-0.

BUDGET – Town Administration
Tabled.

BUDGET – Boards and Commissions

Board and Commissions Budget for 2011 in the amount of \$1,200.00 was presented for approval.

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to approve the Boards and Commissions Budget in the amount of \$1,200.00 and forward to the Budget Committee. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.

BUDGET – ACCOUNTING & AUDITING

Accounting and Auditing Budget for 2011 in the amount of \$103,550.00 was presented for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the Accounting and Auditing Budget in the amount of \$103,550.00 and forward to the Budget Committee. Seconded by Selectman Gilbert. Motion carried 4-0.

BUDGET – Treasury

Treasury Budget for 2011 in the amount of \$4,000.00 was presented for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the Treasury Budget in the amount of \$4,000.00 and forward to the Budget Committee. Seconded by Selectman Gilbert. Motion carried 4-0.

BUDGET – Data Processing

Data Processing Budget for 2011 in the amount of \$20,700.00 was presented for approval.

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to approve the Data Processing Budget in the amount of \$20,700.00 and forward to the Budget Committee. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.

BUDGET – ETV

No budget submitted, funded by Cable Franchise Fees.

BUDGET – General Government Buildings

General Government Buildings Budget for 2011 in the amount of \$47,200.00 was presented for approval.

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to approve the General Government Buildings Budget in the amount of \$47,200.00 and forward to the Budget Committee. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.

BUDGET – Ambulance

Ambulance Budget for 2011 in the amount of \$165,965.00 was presented for approval.

Motion by Selectman McGeough to approve the Ambulance Budget in the amount of \$165,965.00 and forward to the Budget Committee. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.

BUDGET – Firefighting

Firefighting Budget for 2011 in the amount of \$518,528.00 was presented for approval.

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to approve the Firefighting Budget in the amount of \$518,528.00 and forward to the Budget Committee. Seconded by Selectman Gilbert. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Charles Goodspeed advised that the interviews for the candidates for Fire Chief are forthcoming, and presently the fifteen applicants are been reviewed by the Fire Academy. He stated that the top three or four candidates will be offered an interview and travel would be at their own expense. He added that the candidates would be presented to the Board on or around December 13.

Mr. Charles Goodspeed advised that a warrant article for a new ambulance will be submitted at the next Board Meeting.

BUDGET – Watson Academy

Watson Academy Budget for 2011 in the amount of \$31,250.00 was presented for approval.

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to approve the Watson Academy Budget in the amount of \$31,250.00.00 and forward to the Budget Committee. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.

BUDGET – Valuation of Property

Valuation of Property Budget for 2011 in the amount of \$39,000.00 was presented for approval.

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to approve the Valuation of Property Budget in the amount of \$39,000.00 and forward to the Budget Committee. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 4-0.

BUDGET – Legal Expense
Tabled.

BUDGET – Personnel Administration

Personnel Administration Budget for 2011 in the amount of \$250.00 was presented for approval.

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to approve the Personnel Administration Budget in the amount of \$250.00 and forward to the Budget Committee. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.

BUDGET – Insurance & Bonds

Insurance & Bonds Budget for 2011 in the amount of \$66,000.00 was presented for approval.

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to approve the Insurance & Bonds Budget in the amount of \$66,000.00 and forward to the Budget Committee. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.

BUDGET – Health

Health Budget for 2011 in the amount of \$100.00 was presented for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the Health Budget in the amount of \$100.00 and forward to the Budget Committee. Seconded by Selectman Gilbert. Motion carried 4-0.

BUDGET – General Assistance
Tabled.

BUDGET – Patriotic Purposes

Patriotic Purposes Budget for 2011 in the amount of \$1,500.00 was presented for approval.

Motion by Selectman Jordan to approve the Patriotic Purposes Budget in the amount of \$1,500.00 and forward to the Budget Committee. Seconded by Selectman Gilbert. Motion carried 4-0.

BUDGET – Economic Development

Economic Development Budget for 2011 in the amount of \$4,000.00 was presented for approval.

Town Administrator Shankle requested the EDD Budget be reduced to \$1,000.00.

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to approve the Economic Development Budget in the amount of \$1,000.00 and forward to the Budget Committee. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.

BUDGET – Principal on Long Term Debt

Principal on Long Term Debt for 2011 in the amount of \$138,120.00 was presented for approval.

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to approve the Principal on Long Term Debt in the amount of \$138,120.00. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.

BUDGET – Interest on Long Term Debt

Interest on Long Term Debt for 2011 in the amount of \$18,660.00 was presented for approval.

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to approve the Interest on Long Term Debt in the amount of \$18,600.00. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Falcone requested review of the upcoming Board Meeting Schedule. Judith Bielecki advised that it would be on the next agenda for review.

Selectman Gilbert advised that the Local Government Center Annual Conference is November 17-19 and she would be attending some of the conference sessions. Town Administrator Shankle advised that he would be attending some of the sessions as well.

Selectman Jordan stated that Selectman Archambault is experiencing some health issues and wished him a speedy recovery.

ADJOURN

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to adjourn. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Judith Bielecki
Administrative Assistant**

Karen Falcone, Chairman

Dianne Gilbert, Selectman

James McGeough, Selectman

Bob Jordan, Selectman

Rene Archambault, Selectman

Date _____