

**MINUTES  
SELECT BOARD  
TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH**

Tuesday, March 1, 2011 – 7:00pm  
1 Grove Street, Peterborough, New Hampshire

**Present:** Joe Byk, Barbara Miller, Elizabeth Thomas  
Gordon Kemp, Robert Lambert, Leslie Lewis, Susy Mansfield, Steve Jones, Donald Parkhurst, Jennifer Duffy, Bertha Harris

**Also Present:** Pamela Brenner, Nancie Vaihinger, Nicole MacStay

**Chair Byk** called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. He explained that this would be the last joint Select Board and Budget Committee meeting. All departments have been heard from. The budget has come in a little too high for comfort, and so the Budget Committee has met with Ms. Brenner to create a list of recommended cuts. **Chair Byk** then turned the meeting over to Chair Kemp.

**Ms. Brenner** began by explaining that right now the budget is up \$477,000, a 9.5% increase. She explained that she put forward a list of options to cut down the increase. **Ms. Vaihinger** said that she is investigating other options with the school district, and there may be other options by July first. There was an extended discussion about the amount and merits of each of the cuts. **Ms. Brenner** said that after the Budget Committee meeting she had a discussion with **Ms. Ogilvie** who said that rather than reduce the GIS capital reserve appropriation that is could be cut entirely.

**Motion:**

**Ms. Mansfield** recommended eliminating the GIS capital reserve appropriation from the FY 2012 proposed budget; **Mr. Jones** seconded.

**Vote:**

All members of the Budget Committee and Select Board voted in favor of the motion, the motion passed unanimously. **Chair Kemp** then reviewed the options Ms. Brenner presented to the Budget Committee, and the Committee's choices:

Option	Potential Savings	Budget Committee Recommendation
Close Town facilities for 10 days resulting in 10 staff furlough days	\$100,000	Not recommended
Reduce one full-time position to part-time	\$20,000	Recommended - \$20,000
Provide Employees with reduced health benefits	\$91,187	Not recommended
Reduce road –reconstruction	\$150,000	Recommended - \$25,000
4 less snow pickups	\$60,000	Recommended - \$60,000
Cut GIS capital reserve	\$15,000	Recommended - \$15,000
Extend Pumper truck lease/purchase agreement to three years	\$40,000	Recommended - \$40,000
Police building repairs	\$40,000	Recommended - \$25,000
Cut open space land acquisition	\$5,000	Recommended - \$5,000
Cut Heritage Commission	\$4,000	Recommended - \$3,000
Cut Fire Station parking lot improvement	\$60,000	Recommended - \$60,000
Cut engineering study of North Dam	\$75,000	Recommended - \$75,000
Cut 1-ton highway truck	\$30,000	Recommended - \$30,000
Cut chipper	\$35,000	Not recommended
Cut newsletter and portion of patriotic recognition	\$10,000	Recommended – \$7,000
Cut Chamber of Commerce dues, service club memberships and non-profit contributions	\$10,000	Recommended - \$7,000
Other line-by-line cuts by individual departments	\$12,000	Not recommended
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$737,187</b>	<b>\$367,000</b>

**Adams Pool**

**Chair Kemp** opened the discussion on the proposed \$1.2 million bond for the renovation of Adams Pool. He said that the Board and Committee are supposed to present valid articles and questions to the voters, and for a couple of years both have said that this is not the right time to pursue this project. **Ms. Lewis** said that the Recreation Committee has asked that this question be decided one way or another by the voters. **Mr. Lambert** added that the pool has been eating up all the CIP money in repairs every year. There was an extended discussion of the proposed repairs.

**Ms. Brenner** suggested that the Board hold a public hearing on the proposed article, and then decide. **Ms. Mansfield** asked if the Budget Committee would be able to meet again after the public hearing; Chair Kemp said that they would. There was further discussion of the particulars of the article and how it would be presented at Town Meeting. Both the Board and the Committee agreed to postpone their decision until after the public hearing.

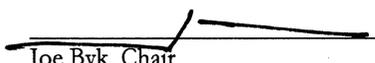
**Part-time Employee Health Benefits Proposal**

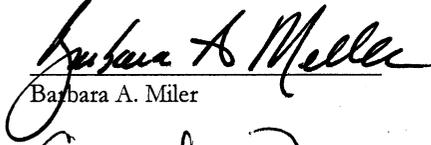
**Ms. Brenner** asked what were the thoughts on the pro-rated health care benefits for part-time employees proposal made by Ms. Lavery at the last joint meeting. **Chair Kemp** said that he thought it was a very good idea and a good presentation, however he did not think this was the right time. **Chair Byk** asked if there were other towns that offered this kind of benefit. **Ms. Brenner** said that some do. **Ms. Miller** said that offering this benefit would make the town a more attractive employer if there were a lot of positions open, but that isn't the problem now. She said that she did not think this was the year to consider this proposal. There was general agreement among the Board and Committee members.

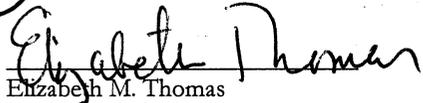
As there was no further business, **Chair Kemp** adjourned the meeting at 8:08pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nicole MacStay, Assistant to the Town Administrator

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Joe Byk, Chair

  
Barbara A. Miler

  
Elizabeth M. Thomas

**ACTION ITEM PENDING LIST**

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