

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD  
BUDGET COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 2, 2024**

Present: George Goulet, Chairman; Alex Winn, Vice-Chair; Sandra Jaskolski, Greg Pratt, Dan Cotter, Burt Riendeau (arrived at 7:03 PM), Gregg Denzler, Rick Cooper, Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Precinct Representative, Judy Idelkope, Selectboard Representative; and Peter Browne

Absent: Ege Cordell, School Board Representative; Rob Hodgkins, Spofford Fire District Representative and Bob Sutherland

Chairman Goulet called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Library – Leslie Frank was present. The handouts were not available. She will come back for discussion on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Minutes – Cooper moved December 12<sup>th</sup> for discussion. Dan seconded the motion. The library budget was recommended not approved by the Selectboard. Judy clarified that the Library budget had not been discussed by the Selectboard since it was updated. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business –

Ambulance – The proposed budget is \$127,299 up \$27,241. The Selectboard have elected to remain with Keene Ambulance. The price has increased because some Towns have switched to other carriers. Rescue is up 1% or \$426.

Planning Board – The proposed budget is \$17,355 down \$1,250. Office Supplies has moved to the Executive Line.

Executive – The proposed budget is \$230,296 up \$13,557. There are 4 elections this year. The Selectmen have given raises to all Minimum Wage jobs including Selectmen and Supervisors of the Checklist. IT has been moved to General Government Buildings. The expected Revenue for Rooms & Meals is \$383,000.

General Government Buildings – The proposed budget is \$146,671 down \$3,476. The revenue from rental of the Town Hall is only \$2,003.

Misc. Health Agencies – The proposed budget is \$29,388 up \$2,667. All Agencies requesting funding have served residents. As ARPA funds run out, the requests from these agencies may increase.

Parks & Rec, Police and Street Lighting have corrections.

Other – Burt is up for re-election. Peter, Sandra, Bob and Dan filled vacancies and must run for seats in March.

The next meeting is January 9<sup>th</sup> for the School. Winn moved to adjourn at 7:49 PM. The motion was seconded by Cooper and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine  
Secretary