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## MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

7:00 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room "A"

**PRESENT:** J. Philip Gallagher, Chairman, William Britt, William Slifkin, James Roden, Gary Regan and John Dietter. Also in attendance was the Board of Selectmen.

J. Philip Gallagher called the Special Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

### FY 2009-2010 Department Budget Presentations

#### **250 Planning & Zoning**

FY 2008-2009	\$192,316
FY 2009-2010	\$201,184*

Steven Palmer, Zoning Official presented the Planning & Zoning Department budget request for FY 2009-2010. He gave an update on the various projects going on in town and offered that despite the economic climate, there is still development going on in Bethel. He noted that there were reductions to accounts where possible and the increases to the salary accounts were contractual.

*\* It had been noted previously that salary accounts for classified service (non-union), while showing an increase, reflect the increase in salary on July 1, 2008 which was after the 2008-2009 budgets were adopted; there are no salary increases budgeted for July 1, 2009 for the classified service employees.*

#### **430 Senior Center**

FY 2008-2009	\$128,018
FY 2009-2010	\$132,584

Alan Barney, Chairman of the Commission on Aging and Kathleen Oles, Senior Center Director presented the Senior Center budget request for FY 2009-2010. Among the requests were salary increases for part-time employees, increases to the activities

account and capital equipment (replacement of tables). Mrs. Oles offered that at least 100 people attend the Senior Center every day. It was pointed out that the funds raised by various fundraisers go to the Friends of the Seniors account and they in turn purchase items for the center. Several grants have allowed for the installation of air conditioning and for a new television.

**270 Tree Warden**

FY 2008-2009	\$83,700
FY 2009-2010	\$84,400

Town Engineer/Director of Public Works Andrew Morosky and Assistant Director of Public Works Robert Dibble presented the Tree Warden budget request for FY 2009-2010. It was noted that the only increase was to the Car Allowance account; all other line items remained the same.

**220 Fleet Maintenance**

FY 2008-2009	\$311,550
FY 2009-2010	\$314,751

Wayne Morris, Fleet Maintainer presented the Fleet Maintenance budget request for FY 2009-2010. He noted that there were no increases to line items other than the contractual salary items.

**230 Public Works**

FY 2008-2009	\$321,979
FY 2009-2010	\$297,287*

Town Engineer/Director of Public Works Andrew Morosky and Assistant Director of Public Works Robert Dibble presented the Public Works budget request for FY 2009-2010. Mr. Morosky noted reductions to several line items in the Public Works Budget.

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**240 Highway Department**

FY 2008-2009	\$1,529,692
FY 2009-2010	\$1,549,351

Town Engineer/Director of Public Works Andrew Morosky and Assistant Director of Public Works Robert Dibble presented the Highway Department budget request for FY 2009-

2010. Discussion took place regarding the various components of this budget. Mr. Dibble explained the process for the purchase of materials; some items are purchased through the state bid. He offered that the price of salt has risen. It was pointed out that the town has a STEAP grant opportunity pending for paving as well as several "shovel-ready" projects.

**260 Building Maintenance**

FY 2008-2009	\$680,006
FY 2009-2010	\$619,564

Town Engineer/Director of Public Works Andrew Morosky and Assistant Director of Public Works Robert Dibble presented the Building Maintenance budget request for FY 2009-2010. It was noted that overall, this account has been reduced by \$60,442. Discussion took place regarding the use of this account for maintenance to town and school buildings with the new work order management system and to establish a system protocol for all building systems, including roofs, HVAC, etc.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, William Britt made a motion, which was seconded by John Dietter, to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary