

**Town of Greenland
Budget Committee
February 15, 2010**

Present: Mary McDonough (chairperson), Bob Krasko, Charlie Cummings (selectman's representative-alternate), Stephen Gerrato, John Weeks, Michael (Kip) Lebar, Pat Walsh,, Jim Haslam (school board representative)

Absent: Bruce Dearborn, selectman's representative, Mike Marsh, Ron Gross, Sandra Trull-Smith

Also present: Karen Anderson, Town Administrator, Mo Sodini, Trustees of the library, and John Soltis (trustee)

The meeting began at 6:30 pm. The first order of business was the passing of the meeting minutes from January 27th. Mr. Krasko made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Lebar to accept the meeting minutes of 1/27/10. All were in favor.

The review of the town and school budgets were done in the same order as presented at the Public hearing. Thus we started with the town budget; sections were re-visited based on the comments made by the townspeople at the public hearing the previous week. The following recommendations were made:

- cemetery: the chairperson read RSA 289:7 (Powers and Duties). Due to the fact the library is also over seen by trustees, RSA 202-A:11 was also read. It was determined that both read similarly, thus it was within our purview to recommend budget reductions to the cemetery. No action was made to change our previous recommendations.
- Police: A motion was made by Mr. Haslam and seconded by Mr. Krasko to increase line 01-4210-117 Police Overtime wages from \$30,911 to \$40,911.. The motion passed with a vote of 6-1.
- Fire Department: Mr. Weeks made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Krasko to increase line 01-4220-298 Stipends from \$81,200 \$84,700. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.
- Warrant Articles:Article 11 : 2 million dollar for conservation easement, open space and recreational land. Mr. Cummings made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Lebar to no recommend this article. The vote was 7-0: NOT RECOMMENDED
- Article 13 : expendable trust fund for employee insurance (\$60,000),. Mr. Lebar made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Cummings to recommend this article. The vote was 6-0 with Mr. Krasko abstaining: RECOMMENDED.
- Article 15: \$20,000 for Conservation land Capital Reserve fund. Mr. Haslam made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Lebar to recommend this article. The vote was 5-0 with Mr. Weeks and Mr. Haslam abstaining: RECOMMENDED.
- Article 16: \$15,000 matching potential grant for conducting natural and water resourse research
- Mr. Lebar made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Haslam to recommend this article. The vote was 2-4 with Mr. Walsh abstaining: NOT RECOMMENDED.
- Article 18: \$70,000 Town Vicinity Land Capital Reserve. Mr. Haslam made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Krasko to recommend this article. The vote was 3-3 with Mr. Lebar abstaining: The chairperson broke the tie with the decision to recommend article 18: RECOMMENDED.
- Article 19: \$15,000 Weeks Library Capital Reserve Fund . Mr. Haslam made a motion which was

seconded by Mr. Weeks to recommend this article. The vote was 7-0: RECOMMENDED.

●Article 20: \$15,000 Transer Station baler. Mr. Haslam made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Walsh to recommend this article. The vote was 7-0: RECOMMENDED.

●Article 21: \$5,000 Retirement Liabilities Expendable Trust Fund. Mr. Walsh made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Krasko to recommend this article. The vote was 6-0: with Mr. Gerratto abstaining. RECOMMENDED.

●Article 22: Expendable Purposes of the Fire and Ambulance Special Reserve Fund. Mr. Haslam made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Lebar to recommend this article. The vote was 7-0: RECOMMENDED.

●Article 23: \$2,500 Misquito Control. Mr. Gerratto made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Krasko to recommend this article. The vote was 6-0 with Mr. Weeks abstaining: RECOMMENDED.

●Article 24: \$1,500 compensate bookkeeper of the trustee of the trust funds. Mr. Gerratto made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Krasko to recommend this article. The vote was 6-1: RECOMMENDED.

●Article 25: COAST. Mr. Lebar made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Krasko to recommend this article. The vote was 7-0: RECOMMENDED.

School budget and warrant articles:

●School warrant 2 (teachers contract): Mr. Haslam made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Walsh to recommend this article. The vote was 4-2: RECOMMENDED.

●Warrant #4: Expendable Trust Fund for unplanned high school and special education tuitions Mr. Cummings made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Gerratto to recommend this article. The vote was 7-0: RECOMMENDED.

●Warrant #5: Rental Property. Mr. Haslam made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Weeks to recommend this article. The vote was 7-0: RECOMMENDED.

●Janitor salaries: No motion was made to change our recommendations.

●Enrichment teacher: Mr. Walsh made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Haslam to increase this line by \$8,300. The vote was 2-5 thus the motion failed.

The chairperson stated that the reported from the Portsmouth Herald had requested we contact him regarding the recommendations the budget committee had made; the chairperson asked if anyone would like to speak to the reporter. Seeing no interest, the chairperson will contact the paper.

The chairperson stated she enjoyed chairing the committee for the past several years, however expressed an interest in electing a new chairperson. Mr. Lebar made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Krasko to elect Mr. Marsh as the new chairperson; the motion passed with a vote of 7-0. Although Mr. Marsh was not in attendance at this meeting, the current chairperson had spoke to him during the previous week to determine if he would have an interest in assuming the position. Mr. Marsh did state he would be willing to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary McDonough,
Chairperson