

**Town of Greenland  
Budget Committee  
February 10, 2010**

**Public Hearing**

**Present:** Mary McDonough (chairperson), Bob Krasko, Charlie Cummings (selectman's representative-alternate), Stephen Gerrato, Mike Marsh, Ron Gross, and Michael (Kip) Lebar, Pat Walsh, Sandra Trull-Smith, Jim Haslam (school board representative)

**Absent:** Bruce Dearborn, selectman's representative, John Weeks,

**Also present:** Karen Anderson, Town Administrator, School Board members, George Cushing (superintendent of SAU 50), Jim Katkin (SAU 50 administrator), Peter Smith (school principal), as well as interested members of the community

The chairperson opened the meeting to at 7:00 pm by first thanking everyone for coming. Persons were asked to state their name and address when they approached the microphone to state their comments. The line by line review began with the town budget and warrant articles with the following comments noted:

Cemetery funds:

Dick Rugg spoke, objected to cuts, spoke about RSA 289:7

Mark Fleming: asked if the \$15000 that was cut was for land acquisition.

Police overtime

Liz Cummings spoke, said this would come from part time officers and would reduce detail income

Mark Fleming asked why not hire another full time officer and eliminate part-time and over-time pay

Fire department budget

Richard Haslam said please do not cut. Add \$3500 back in, our department is a great deal

Maintenance

Mark Fleming asked why we cut \$15000 from budget, seemed satisfied with answer that it was for a piece of equipment

Library

Mark Fleming asked why the discrepancy with Library budget, seemed satisfied with answer that it was because library resubmitted lower figure

For each of the warrant articles a straw poll was taken: \

Article 11 : 2 million dollar for conservation easement, open space and recreational land

Vote was 23 – 8 in favor

Chris Hallagam asked if an alternative was considered.

Jean Eno (?) said this wouldn't raise the money but would simply allow selectman to consider.

Dick Rugg suggested if it passes we get certified by bond counsel

Article 13 : expendable trust fund for employee insurance (\$60,000)

Vote was 18-3 in favor

Dick Rugg asked why this was done

Article 15: \$20,000 for Conservation land Capital Reserve fund

Vote was 16-1 in favor

Article 16: \$15,000 matching potential grant for conducting natural and water resource research

Vote was 17-2 in favor

Article 18: \$170,000 Town Vicinity Land Capital Reserve

Vote was 18-3 in favor

Mark Fleming asked if the land in question was suitable

Dick Rugg said to consider land not near the center of town

Article 19: \$15,000 Weeks Library Capital Reserve Fund

Vote was 27-0 in favor

Mark Fleming asked how much was in the fund

Article 20: \$15,000 Transer Station baler

Vote was 29-0 in favor

Dick Rugg asked if a building to house the bailer was planned

Mo Sodoni said a grant was possible

Chris Halligan asked how long it would take to pay for itself. Was told 1 year with a grant

Article 21: \$5,000 Retirement Liabilities Expendable Trust Fund

Vote was 25-0 in favor

Mo Sodini spoke about the fund

Article 22: Expendable Purposes of the Fire and Ambulance Special Reserve Fund

Vote was in favor

Article 23: \$2,500 Misquito Control

Vote was 22-0 in favor

Article 24: \$1,500 compensate bookkeeper of the trustee of the trust funds

Vote was 0 - 3 in favor

Article 25: COAST

Vote was 27 -1 in favor

Mark Fleming said he favored

We proceeded to review the school budget beginning with the warrant articles

School warrant 2 (teachers contract)

Vote was 16-5 in favor

Mark Fleming asked why a rolling COLA

Paul Sanderson asked that a copy of the contract be made available

Chris Hallagan said he was in favor

School warrant 4 : Tuition Expendable Trust Fund

Vote was 26-0 in favor

Mark Fleming asked how this was done in the past and will the \$30K roll over

School warrant 5 : Rental property

Vote was 25 -0 in favor

School Budget:

Martha Stone began by asking the committee to consider adding the funds back to the lines for custodian and enrichment teacher.

Enrichment teacher

Kathy Ricci asked what would happen if grant wasn't received. Spoke in favor

Chris Hallagan asked that we put the money back in

Sandy Tague said this was an important item and should be put back in

Preschool

Mark Fleming asked what this was, do we offer preschool, and why did the cost vary so much

HS Transportation

Mo Sodini asked why this increased so much

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next budget committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 15, 2010 at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary McDonough

Chairperson