

**Town of Greenland
Budget Committee Meeting
February 4, 2009**

Present: Budget Committee Members: Mary McDonough, Chairperson, R.B. Lawrence, John Weeks, Ron Gross, Sandra Trull Smith, Mike Marsh, Jim Haslam, school board representative, Paul Sanderson, Selectman's representative

Also present: Jim Katkin, SAU 50 Business Administrator, Carolyn Weeks and Steve Geratto

Absent: Patrick Walsh

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. The letter of appreciation to the local Vets which Mrs. Anderson had thanked them for donations of gift cards for food and gas was shared with the committee.

The meeting minutes of 1-28-09 were passed by a unanimous vote.

The school proposed budget was reviewed on a line by line basis. With the following action taken:

Line 10-1420-735-00-10 Field goals

Mr. Krasko made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Gross to decrease this line from \$1,800 to \$0.00. This motion passed by a vote of 5-3.

The men's basketball team likes to make periodic donations. There was talk that the goal(s) may be donated by this team.

Line 10-2410-737-00-10 Swivel Chairs

Mr. Haslam made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Gross to reduce this line to \$260 based on the fact the line was over appropriated by 2 chairs. This motion passed by a vote of 8-0.

The school warrant articles were reviewed next with a straw poll taken to gain an initial impression. The evergreen clause was discussed as to how it may affect future teacher contracts. There was also discussion regarding recommending an expendable trust to cover the cost of utilities if there were to be a large fluctuation year to year based on current costs.

The committee next reviewed the town budget: Fire Department section. Chief Kresta had spoken with Mr. Sanderson to answer our questions. No action was taken on this section.

Mrs. Trull-Smith asked if we could re-visit the topic of salaries. Due to the current economic situation including job loss and foreclosures, as well as the impact on the elderly, are the current proposed raises too high. We will re-visit this at our next session to make our final recommendations.

The warrant articles proposed by the town were reviewed next with straw polls taken. The public hearing is scheduled for February 5, 2009 at 6:30 at the Greenland Central School.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectively submitted:

Mary McDonough
Chair, Budget Committee