

**MINUTES OF MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE
March 7, 2011**

A meeting of the Municipal Budget Committee was called to order at 10:00 PM in the Auditorium at Kennett High School with the following members present: Chairman David Sordi, Bob Drinkhall, Doug Swett, Bill Masters, Ray Shakir, John Edgerton, Joe Mosca, Karen Umberger, Janine McLauchlan and Greydon Turner. Members absent from meeting: Linda Teagan.

Bob Drinkhall moved, seconded by Janine McLauchlan, to accept the revised amount for Article 4 of \$8,998,983.00. In favor: 1 - Janine McLauchlan; Opposed: 9; Abstain: 0.

Chairman Sordi stated there were two issues that the Committee needed to vote on: the first being Article 4, the Operating Budget, with revising the number to \$8,998,983.00, an increase of \$179,510.00.

Karen Umberger stated she was concerned that the people were not understanding when you raise the total of the budget, taxes also go up.

Bob Drinkhall stated it was going to take a total collapse of the economy to get the general public to realize what all this means.

Bob Drinkhall moved, seconded by John Edgerton, to accept Article 17 as amended. In favor: 10; Opposed: 0; Abstain: 0.

Chairman Sordi stated the second item to be voted on was the amendment of Article 17:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Eight Dollars (\$29,298.00) from the annual cable television franchise fees to add to the PEG EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND, to support the operations and equipment needs of Public Education and Government television services. In the event that the State of New Hampshire fails to fund the Room and Meals Tax, the funds shall go to the General Fund.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Sordi reminded members of the Deliberative Session for the School on Wednesday, March 9th. He would be talking with Peter (Malia) and with the DRA tomorrow and will ask to have a representative present at the meeting on Wednesday, but there probably won't be anyone in attendance.

Ray Shakir asked what happens if they make a motion to rescind our entire suggestion. Chairman Sordi stated he didn't know. Ray stated he didn't know if the Moderator would even entertain such a motion. Chairman Sordi stated if the Moderator allows it to be made, we need to make a point about it. If the DRA representative is there, direct the question to him or to Peter (Malia). Bob Drinkhall stated if approved, he personally will

walk out, but didn't believe DRA will approve it. Chairman stated he was going to talk to DRA.

Bob Drinkhall moved, seconded by Joe Mosca, to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Iris A. Bowden, Recording Secretary