

PHIPPSBURG BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTES
 FEBRUARY 12, 2008

The Phippsburg Budget Committee began its 2008 review of budget requests for the 2009 FY town budget to be voted on at the May 2008 Town Meeting at 7:04 PM.

Members of the Budget Committee present at the meeting were: Lisa Gurney, Gary Read, Betsey Morse, Proctor Wells, David Barter, Dan Coffin and David Percy.

The first order of business was the election of officers. Proctor Wells was elected Chairman of the committee, David Barter was elected Vice-Chairman and Betsey Morse was elected Secretary.

The Committee reviewed the “Policy and Procedures” statement on the second page of our orange binder and voted that they were, indeed, the rules we wished to live by during our deliberations this year.

Town Administrator, Mike Young, went over the contents of our orange binder outlining its contents and reviewing possible large requests that we might be receiving. Mike gave his prediction as to what the surplus might be, given the information that he has on hand right now. There will be a deficit in the winter roads account which will probably be handled in the very early articles on the warrant at town meeting. We will be meeting with RSU #1 members and William Shuttleworth at the usually scheduled time for school budget review in the process. The RSU #1 people have been more than willing to meet for budget input and information. The matter of a School Capital account will be decided between us and the Selectmen. William Shuttleworth recommends, in a letter to us, that we set one up. We will be paying the first interest and principal payment on the Stoneybrook Road bond this year. Mike made the detailed printouts of financial transactions from the Trio program available to us and said he would be available for our questions as we go along. (Thank you, Mike.)

Next week we will be meeting with the Ambulance, Fire, Road and Emergency Management people. Mike passed out a packet containing their requests for our review during the coming week.

We then reviewed the Public Agency Donations requests for the coming year. They are as follows:

Account Expense	FY 09 Request	FY 09 Request	Amount Approved		
American Red Cross	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00		
Bath Area Senior Citizens	\$1,000.00	\$1025.00	\$1,025.00		

Bath Area YMCA	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00		
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	\$ 800.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		
Catholic Sherities (Jesse Albert Dental Clinic)	\$2,261.00	\$2,261.00	\$2,261.00		
Coastal Transportation	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00		
CHANS	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00		
Elmhurst	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		
Family Crisis Center	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00		
Family Focus	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00		
Five Rivers Arts Alliance	\$ 0.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00		
Hospice of Midcoast ME	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00		
Maine Public Broadcasting	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00		
Midcoast ME Com. Act (CED)	\$1,495.00	\$1,495.00	\$1,495.00		
Read with Me	\$ 250.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00		
Respite Care	\$ 850.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00		
Spectrum Generations	\$1,785.00	\$1,785.00	\$1,785.00		
Sweetser	\$2,689.00	\$2,527.00	\$2,527.00		
Tedford Shelter	\$ 500.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00		
The Childrens Center	\$2,600.00	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00		
Total Expenses	\$22,880.00	\$23,793.00	\$23,293.00		

After discussion, the motion was made by Betsey Morse and seconded by David Percy that we approve the requests from the agencies except Five Rivers Arts Alliance at the requested level. The motion passed.

As there was no more business to come before us at this time, the motion was made and seconded that we adjourn. The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 PM.

Betsey Morse
Secretary