

Town of Chebeague Island  
Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen  
Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 @ 7:00PM  
Chebeague Island Community Center

Present: Mark Dyer, Herb Maine, Chris Rich, Leon Hamilton, Donna Damon & Scott Seaver.

Meeting called to order 7:08PM.

Mark Dyer, our goal tonight is to get an operational budget for 2009- 2010 voted on so we can present it to the people. Mark discussed what point we are at tonight and that Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at the Recreation Center at 9AM there will be an informational meeting of the Selectmen and School Board on the complete budget.

Scott Seaver suggested that we start with the Capital Improvement Budget. He advised that he had adjusted the Capital Budget as directed. Scott informed the Board he had received an estimate to do repairs on the South West and East side of the Stone Pier and the addition of three fender pilings at Chandlers Cove Wharf. The total of this project will be \$169,000. Scott advised that by moving money and eliminating some line items we can do this project and still have the goal of no increase in the taxes. Scott explained the meeting with Steve Durrell from Prock Marine. This work needs to be done as the Stone Pier is deteriorating.

Donna Damon asked about the valuation increase of the Town. Scott advised it would be less than one million or about 1%.

Donna Damon, will we reuse the material that comes out of the wharf? Scott, yes anything that can be reused and if anything is left we will use it on other town projects such as Indian Point.

Donna Damon, we need to know where it goes as some of the material on the last job was used to create lawn ornaments and moorings.

Mark Dyer, will the ramp work be done at the same time?

Scott, yes it could be.

Leon Hamilton, it was done really late in the season the last time.

Donna Damon, CTC should plan ahead for this and the Golf Course needs to be advised.

Scott Seaver, it won't take to long, maybe a couple of days.

Mark Dyer, Scott anything else you want to highlight on the Capital Budget at this time?

Scott, I have decreased the float and ramp budget lines, but we should have enough with the reserve and the new budge increase to build on float.

Scott Seaver, I have also cut back on the Town vehicle line item, but it will leave about \$8000 for a new vehicle.

Scott also advised that he had cut back on the paving to \$30,000. Scott stated that a fellow from the DOT will be on the Island Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup> and talk about the roads.

Donna Damon, if we added \$50,000 to the paving line what would it do to the mil rate?

Scott, it would increase it to \$20.54 per thousand.

Donna Damon, I get complaints all the time about the roads and I think we should be putting money away to do some of the work or at least get ready.

Cheryl Stevens, complaints from all over the Island? Donna Damon, yes all over.

Cheryl Stevens, I think the roads are fine, this is an island. Some of the roads on the mainland are just as bad.

Donna Damon, the roads are deteriorating and if we don't do something soon we won't be able to do anything.

Patty Rich, if you fix them people will drive faster and remember you are dealing with people's taxes.

Cheryl Stevens, didn't the Selectmen vote to hold the fund balance at 8 to 15%? Herb Maine, yes of the operating budget. Cheryl, what percent would \$263,000 be? Herb, fourteen percent (14%).

Mark Dyer, would \$250,000 be the low end? Chris Rich, yes.

Scott Seaver, a net operating budget of \$2.5 million would create a fund balance of \$250,000.

Mark Dyer, the goal is to hold taxes, do repairs and try to save. I agree with Donna though that we have to look ahead.

Scott Seaver, we need to remember that the Homestead Exemptions may not be reimbursed (50%) by the State. We may have to pay them. This also would mean an increase on a tax bill of up to \$50.

Ken Hamilton, bringing an Engineer from the State down to look at the roads is great, but do we have an estimate of what it would be to fix a mile of road? Some roads will need more work than others.

Herb Maine, DOT is coming next week and we should be able to have some kind of estimate then. We have been working on a long range road plan.

Cheryl Stevens, shouldn't we go to Town Meeting to move money?

Scott Seaver, Town Meeting will do this, we will have some idea of what it will cost. Cheryl Stevens, yes but you don't know. Donna Damon, the vast majority will want to repair the roads. Mark Dyer right now we do not have a good plan. Herb Maine, we have ten (10) miles of roads and we will need to put money away.

Donna Damon, this is a way for the Town to plan. This gives us some goals. It could be \$100,000 to \$300,000 a mile to fix the roads. We need a plan.

Mark Dyer, what do we have in the plans for dredging?

Scott Seaver, dredging is at \$15,000 a year and is scheduled for 2013. If we start the permitting process before the ten years is up we will do it permit by rule.

Herb Maine, I think we should leave it at \$30,000 and look at it again next year.

Mark Dyer, do you think the pilings will help at Chandlers?

Chris Rich, I talked to David about the stress on the infrastructure and he believes it will help.

Donna Damon, we need to do some planning. I do not understand the resistance.

Scott Seaver advised that the spread sheet inflates figures by five percent; today's prices are worked out over the years.

Mark Dyer, we should meet with the Engineer and see if we can get some estimate figures. We may have to go back to Town Meeting.

Herb Maine, the biggest factors with the roads is drainage. The Road Crew has been knocking down shoulders and replacing culverts.

Donna Damon, I cannot believe that no one else has received complaints about the roads.

Mark Dyer, as for vote on proposed Capital Improvement Plan Budget.

**Herb Maine – motion to approve Capital Improvement Plan as presented June 3, 2009 in the amount of \$281,000.**

**Chris Rich seconded.**

**Discussion, none.**

**Vote: Four (4) in favor with One (1) Opposed.**

Scott Seaver suggested reviewing the Operations Budget.  
Cheryl Stevens, who finances the bonds? Do we make payments to Cumberland?  
Scott Seaver, no it goes to MMA Bond Bank.  
Cheryl Stevens, how long?  
Scott Seaver, one is for twenty years and one is for seven. The seven year bond is for tuition.  
Cheryl Stevens, is the seven year one out of the School?  
Scott Seaver, no.  
Cheryl Stevens, what is the interest rate?  
Scott Seaver, right now it is 4.15%

Herb Maine asked if there were some areas that we may find some cost savings.  
Scott Seaver, the budget is pretty well planned, but a couple of areas we could look at is hours of operation at the Town Office and Transfer Station.  
Beth Howe, we changed the hours of operation at the Transfer Station early due to the time change. Maybe we should look at not doing that.  
Donna Damon, maybe we should look at the number(s) of people in and out of the Station.

Mark Dyer, maybe we should have Pine Tree Waste come to the Island.  
Scott Seaver, they are coming in June.  
Mark Dyer, since we have changed to single stream from integrated, hauling charge is going up.  
Beth Howe, there are Town's that use the glass in pavement.  
Scott Seaver, yes it is ground and mixed in.  
Bob Earnest, we should table this discussion until we can get someone to come to the Island. Maybe they could provide some kind of plan and financial information.

Patti Rich, maybe the Town should not fill Karen's job.  
Scott Seaver, the job hours have been decreased from twenty to ten hours a week.  
Susan Campbell, need back up for vacation and sick time and training time.

Scott Seaver, moving onto Fire & Rescue.  
Scott advised that they had cut the budget by cutting out the radios. We are changing over to the micro wave technology. This is with the understanding that if the change doesn't happen they will come back to the Town.

Scott Seaver, under the Elections budget. Eventually the job of Registrar of Voters will be added to the Clerks.

Scott Seaver, on the subject of fuel. We have a three thousand (3,000) gallon holding tank for Low Sulfur fuel at the Town Garage, we should fill it once a year. I have spoken to David and he feels it would go approximately a year if we do not have a bad winter.  
Mark Dyer, we have the two three hundred thirty gallon tanks at the Public Safety Building. Should we look into bigger tanks? Scott advised that the energy audit showed the building needs insulation and yes maybe we should install bigger tanks.  
Patti Rich, will this go by price and not bid, shouldn't you use an Island business?  
Scott Seaver, no everyone one will bid and yes it will go by price. I'm not looking for a yearly contract, only when needed.  
Donna Damon, how does this compare with GPCOG?  
Scott Seaver, the difference is transportation cost.  
Scott Seaver, if the price is right buy three thousand (3,000) gallons and then we should be good for about a year.

Donna Damon asked about the legal fees spent to date.  
Scott advised \$7,300.

Herb Maine, looking at the expenditures are we headed in the right direction?

Scott Seaver, I think we are.

Mark Dyer, is debt service in operational?

Herb Maine, yes.

Donna Damon suggested we use a pie chart as the graph is a little confusing and combine them all together.

Jeff Putnam asked that a line of revenue be added.

Herb Maine, I will add one.

**Herb Maine – motion to accept the Gross Municipal Budget dated June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 in the amount of \$2,778,906.**

**Donna Damon seconded.**

**Vote: Unanimous.**

Jeff Putnam asked what last year budget amount was and if it was comparable to other Towns.

Scott Seaver, \$2,680,000.

Herb Maine, if you take out the Capital Budget it would go down.

Scott Seaver, Harbormaster budget down by \$2,500.

Herb Maine, it is at \$24,000 not \$27,240.

Patti Rich, Long Island pays their Harbormaster \$2,300 and they have no shellfish warden. I have a list of people that fee the same, but it's like beating a dead horse no one will listen. We pay a lot for a part time cop. It's like being on vacation.

Mark Dyer, your opinion is as important as anyone's.

Patti Rich, I do not feel like it is.

Donna Damon, I'm not saying your opinion isn't important. We have to listen to both sides. The people can vote for it or not.

Mark Dyer, I watch all divisions in this Town. I stop into the Town Office almost everyday.

Chris Rich, We have an influence, but we are not the final decision. Everyone has a say at Town Meeting.

Donna Damon, how do we get beyond this? What is decided at Town Meeting is what we need to work with and work together.

Mark Dyer, when will we be approving the warrant?

Scott Seaver, next Wednesday.

Bob Earnest, CICA would like to hold a Candidates night maybe Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> from 7to 9PM.

Scott Seaver asked to move onto Municipal Revenues.

Scott the proposal is \$445,186.

**Herb Maine – motion to approve projected Revenue Budget dated June 3, 2009 in the amount of \$445,186.00.**

**Leon Hamilton second.**

**Vote: Unanimous.**

**Leon Hamilton – motion to adjourn meeting.**

**Herb Maine second**

**Vote: Unanimous.**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:25PM**

**Respectfully submitted by Susan Campbell, Town Clerk.**

