

**Town of Shaftsbury  
Selectboard Minutes  
Special Meeting – Budget Work Session  
Wednesday, January 16, 2013**

**Members present:** Lon McClintock (Chair), Craig Bruder, Karen Mellinger, Billy Obenauer, Carl Korman; **Staff present:** Margy Becker, Town Administrator.

Lon McClintock called the Special Meeting and Budget Session to order at 7:50 p.m. There were no public comments.

The Chair summarized focus of the meeting to be further budget adjustments to achieve 0% property tax increase. Karen Mellinger and Margy Becker summarized proposed adjustments.

Income from sale of access permits was increased to reflect feasible revenue stream as a result of better enforcement of permits at the Transfer Station. Outside income in support of household hazardous waste events was adjusted upwards marginally to reflect Dept. of Agriculture pesticide grant. Dog license income was adjusted upwards but still within actuals from prior years.

On the expense side the Board agreed to reduce the expected cost of unemployment insurance, due to conversion of the seasonal position to a year-round position for Howard Park. Final highway wage amounts were agreed to. The final budget for Community Appropriation requests was agreed to – to include \$100 request from Northern VT Resource Conservation & Development (Northern VT RC&D). This small organization provides community grants – inclusive of dry hydrant grants.

At 8:25PM Craig Bruder joined the meeting via teleconference. He voiced his approval for proposed budget amendments. The Chair announced the budget currently reflected a 1.5% decrease in revenues, a 1.4% decrease in spending, and a 0% increase in property taxes.

**Carl Korman made the MOTION to adopt a proposed FY14 budget reflecting the amount to be raised in property taxes of \$1,302,258 (a 0% increase over FY13). Karen Mellinger seconded. The MOTION carried unanimously.**

**Other Business:** Billy Obenauer reported on meeting with a prospective web-site developer who would also maintain the web-site. The anticipated expenses regarding same are in line with the budgeted FY14 expense. The only limitation of this person's cost proposal for web-site development, is that the cost does not include making the Listers' property cards available. It was noted that the web-site developer's proprietary interest needs to be determined.

The Chair adjourned the work session at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margy Becker