

**Camden Budget Committee
Minutes of Meeting
March 18, 2010**

PRESENT: Committee Members: Chairman Edward Doudera, John Arnold, Randy Stearns, Kristin Bifulco, Tom Filip, Anita Zeno, Frank Carr, Bernard Predham, Ken Kohl, Sandy Cox, James Ostrowski, Sidney Lindsley, John Fitzpatrick, Rose Laite, Bob Oxtan, Parker S. Laite, Sr. Christopher Lowe, Donald Herrick, Bernice Berger and Select Board Members John French, Karen Grove, Deb Dodge, Anita Brosius-Scott and Morgan Laidlaw

ABSENT: Jeff Lewis, Steve Durrell, Kimberly Taliadouros

Chairman Edward Doudera called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Scheduled for discussion this evening were the following proposed budgets: Camden First Aid Association, Planning & Development, Camden Public Library, Opera House, Opera House Auditorium, Administration/Finance/Codes/Assessing, Insurance, and Professional Services, Information Technology.

Regarding Camden First Aid Association,

Bob Oxtan made a motion to recommend an appropriation of \$10,000 for the Camden First Aid Association. John Arnold seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 16-4-0 vote.

Randy Stearns made a motion to table the recommendation to appropriate \$10,000 for the Camden First Aid until a representative from First Aid could be present to answer questions. The motion failed on a 4-1-14 vote.

Regarding Planning & Development,

Tom Arnold made a motion to approve \$95,770 for a full-time Development Director. Chris Lowe seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 17-2-1 vote.

Regarding Camden Public Library,

John Arnold made a motion to approve the Town Manager's recommendation for \$340,000. Tom Filip seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 18-2-0 vote.

Regarding Opera House,

John Arnold made a motion to approve the Town Manager's recommendation for the Opera House Town Offices budget for 79,950. Tom Filip seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 20-0-0 vote.

Regarding Opera House Auditorium,

Opera House Manager Kerry gave an overview of her job and her current hours at the Opera House. She explained her hours range from 28 and 60 hours a week and with an increase in events for the coming year she felt that it justified 30 hours a week with benefits.

John Arnold made a motion to appropriate \$167,000 for the Opera House Auditorium Budget. Tom Filip seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 15-5-0 vote.

Sid Lindsley made a motion to approve the additional funds of \$9574 the Opera House Manager to move to full time. Anita Zeno seconded this motion. The motion failed on a 4-16-0 vote.

John Arnold asked Manager Smith if she recommended the Opera House Manager move to full time and Ms. Smith explained she did not recommend this because she felt that if a person is to receive benefits they should work 40 hours a week.

Opera House Maintenance/Improvement Plan,

John Arnold made a motion to approve the Town Manager's recommendation of \$3,000. Tom Filip seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 16-3-1 vote.

Kristin Bifulco made a motion to increase the Town Manager's recommendation from \$3,000 to \$10,000. Sid Lindsley seconded this motion. The motion failed on a 1-18-1 vote.

Regarding Administration/Finance/Codes/Assessing,

John Arnold made a motion to approve the proposed budget at \$814,520. Tom Filip seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 20-0-0 vote.

Regarding Insurances,

John Arnold made a motion to approve the proposed budget \$158,300. Tom Filip seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 19-0-1 vote.

Regarding Professional Services,

John Arnold made a motion to approve the proposed budget at \$52,000. Tom Filip seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 19-0-1 vote.

Regarding Information Technology,

Tom Filip made a motion to approve the proposed budget at \$56,200. John Arnold seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 19-0-1 vote.

**Tom Filip made a motion to adjourn meeting at 9:10pm. John Arnold seconded this motion.
The motion passed on a 20-0-0 vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Geary
Recording Secretary