

**Camden Budget Committee  
Minutes of Meeting  
August 31, 2011**

**Budget Committee Attendance:** Steve Neil, Susan Dorr, Kelly Macomber, George Forristall, Tom Armbrecht, Matthew Lewis, Brian Gasser, Meg Sideris, Peter Orne, Nicole Bland, Howard Jones, John Arnold, Randy Stearns, Colleen Duggan, Peter Lindquist, Kristin Bilfulco, Tom Filip, and Anita Zeno

1. Introduction of members.

The members introduced themselves. Manager Smith summarized the responsibilities of the Budget Committee for the newly elected members. Mrs. Smith reported that normally the Budget Committee meets during the month of March to make recommendations and vote on the proposed budget prepared by the Town Manager. The recommendations of the Committee are then forwarded to the Select Board for adoption. The recommendations of the Budget Committee and Select Board are reflected in the town meeting warrant for the benefit of showing what has been recommended for voters for the Annual Town Meeting.

In this case the bids for this capital purchase item were not going to be available until after the Annual Town Meeting so it was decided last spring to move this purchase to the November Town Meeting Warrant and since this is a money issue, the Budget Committee needs to review the bid price and make a recommendation on funding.

2. Elect Chair & Vice-Chair for The Budget Committee:

**A motion was moved and seconded to elect Tom Filip as Chairperson of the Budget Committee. The motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was moved and seconded to elect Susan Dorr as Vice Chairperson of the Budget Committee. The motion passed unanimously.**

3. Consideration of Supplemental FY12 Budget request for new fire truck.

Manager Smith noted that the supplemental budget is to cover the proposed purchase of replacement apparatus. This will be a written ballot to approve this capital item purchase and the supplemental budget.

If the fire truck purchase is approved by the voters the truck will be ordered with a \$110,000 down payment using the current Fire Equipment Reserves. Anticipated delivery is September 2012. The balance of the purchase will be financed with a lease agreement with Oshkosh Capital in order to take advantage of the discount. The first payment on the lease will be due 1 year after lease is signed. This payment will fall in FY13.

Fire Chief Farley reported the fire truck purchase is planned to replace both Engine 1 and Engine 6. Under this plan, Engine 6 will remain in service for the remainder of its useful life and not be replaced. The proposed replacement vehicle will be a rescue/pumper style vehicle that is more versatile than the current engine.

The Budget Committee discussed the capital replacement schedule and specifications

needed for new fire truck. They reviewed the financing plan and the Town Meeting Warrant Article. After discussion,

**John Arnold made a motion to support the Supplemental FY12 Budget for the purchase of a fire truck for the November 8, 2011 Special Town Meeting Warrant. Susan Dorr seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**At 7:40 p.m., a motion was moved and seconded to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously**

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Smith  
Town Manager