



TOWN OF BROOKLINE, NH
FINANCE COMMITTEE

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DECEMBER 8, 2005 APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Attendance

Present:

James McElroy, Chair
Gerrald Smith, Vice Chair
Larry Rodman, Secretary

Call to Order

James called meeting to order at 8:15 PM.

General Business

For line items that were 0 in the previous year, what should we recommend for our recommendation?

Example - File committee for the planning department new file storage system

Adjusted for Oct. to Oct. CPI = 3.65% increase goal

Larry suggested that the goal for each dept. should be 3.65% if the uncontrollable numbers skew that then take the current budget, subtract the uncontrollable amount from it, and do the same for the 2006 budget. Then apply the 3.65% increase to the remainder. While the goal is 3.65% the uncontrollable is uncontrollable

Grants get added into the budget, for our recommendations it would be as if those lines were zeroed out.

We have decided to ensure that what we have for the town numbers are accurate. James will then run the budget through our 'formula' to come up with our budget recommendation.

We are reviewing the total amounts raised for 2005 at Town meeting to compare

It was decided that we should document our rules.

RULES

In previous meetings we identified what is discretionary

For discretionary we are allowing increase for CPI 3.65%

Any line item that was 0 in previous we are allowing the increase to be equal to the cost of living times the net tax appropriation for the previous fiscal year

For departments that are a profit center we do not want the reduction in the profit to be more than the CPI.

Once rules were established we decided to adjourn until the rules can be applied to the Finance Committee Recommended budget. The Finance Committee decided to meet on Sunday December 11 at 8:00 pm. (This has since been amended to Friday December 16 at 8:00 pm.)

Motion to Adjourn

James moved to adjourn, seconded by Larry. Approved 3 - 0. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 PM.

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Minutes Approval

Submitted by: Larry Rodman

Approved on: **January 12, 2006**

Approved by:

James McElroy

Gerrald Smith

Larry Rodman