

1
2
3
4
5
6

**MINUTES OF THE
BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**MEETING OF
February 11, 2009**

7
8
9
10

OPEN MEETING

The Municipal Budget Committee Meeting of Wednesday, February 11, 2009 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at Salem Town Hall, 33 Geremonty Drive, Salem, New Hampshire.

11
12
13

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Covey opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

14
15

2. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS

16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Susan Covey, Chairman

Michael Carney, Jr., Vice Chairman

Peter Rayno, Secretary

Ann Marie David

James Randazzo

Roland Theberge (joined the meeting at 9:55 p.m.)

Stephen Campbell

Selectman Barnes, Board of Selectman Representative

Atty. Bernard Campbell, School Board Representative

27
28
29
30

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Sistare (Town Manager)

Ms. Savastano (Finance Director)

31
32
33
34
35
36
37
38
39
40
41
42
43
44
45
46

3. RECEIPT/APPROVAL OF CORRESPONDENCE & MINUTES

MOTION: by Mr. Rayno

Move to receive the following Budget Committee minutes

January 8, 2009

January 12, 2009

January 14, 2009

January 15, 2009

SECOND: Mr. Carney

VOTE: 8-0-0

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rayno stated he had reviewed the above mentioned minutes and would forward revisions to the recording secretary.

MOTION: by Mr. Rayno

Move to receive Budget Committee minutes for the following:

- *the first Town Deliberative Session on February 7, 2009*

- *the Salem School District Deliberative Session on February 5, 2009*

SECOND: Mr. Carney

VOTE: 8-0-0

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Mr. Rayno

Move to receive the 2009 Town Warrant Articles and Warrant Summary

SECOND: Mr. Carney

VOTE: 8-0-0

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Mr. Rayno

Move to receive a memo from the Kelley Library Trustees, dated February 2, 2009, regarding the Library Warrant Articles

SECOND: Mr. Carney

VOTE: 8-0-0

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Mr. Rayno

Move to receive Salem School Board minutes, dated December 9 and December 16, 2009

SECOND: Mr. Carney

VOTE: 8-0-0

The motion carried unanimously.

4. 2009 TOWN BUDGETARY REVIEW – PETITION WARRANT ARTICLES

Article 19 - Kelley Library Employment Separate Trust Fund (\$30,783.00)

Martha Breen, Chairman of the Library Trustees read the warrant article and background information for the record, confirming the Board of Selectmen had moved it with recommendation.

MOTION: by Selectman Barnes (with recommendation)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Three Dollars (\$30,783.00), to be placed in the Kelley Library Employment Separation Benefits Expendable Trust Fund previously established for the purpose of funding the buy-out of library employee benefits upon separation of employment, and to authorize the transfer of the December 31, 2008 General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance in that amount for this purpose.

In response to a query from Mr. Campbell, Ms. Breen confirmed the trust fund balance is currently \$1 and they anticipate one retirement this year for which the money in the warrant article is required. Mr. Campbell then spoke about accumulation of vacation and sick leave which he felt the Town needed to address as they could not sustain paying for this in the long term.

SECOND: Attorney Campbell

VOTE: 8-0-0

The motion carried unanimously with recommendation.

1 **Article 39 - Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Greater Nashua (\$15,000.00)**

2 Joy Barrett, representing Big Brothers/Big Sisters, spoke in support of the article,
3 explaining about the mentoring program for servicing the Town of Salem.

4
5 **MOTION:** Selectman Barnes (without recommendation)

6 ***To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand***
7 ***Dollars (\$15,000)***

8 ***to support the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Nashua - One to One Mentoring for***
9 ***Children in the Town of Salem.***

10 **SECOND:** Attorney Campbell

11
12 **Discussion:** Chairman Covey handed over the chair to Mr. Carney, excusing herself from
13 voting and participating in any discussion as she had signed the petition and had a
14 personal interest in this agency. In response to a query from Mr. Campbell, Ms. Barrett
15 stated her agency does not currently service anyone in Salem. She explained about being
16 unable to obtain records when the agency took over, but that they would be starting a
17 program in the near future. Mr. Campbell spoke about his viewpoint of government
18 support of charitable agencies. In response to a query from Ms. David, Ms. Barrett
19 explained about the costs per match and how this money is spent. Mr. Rayno encouraged
20 Ms. Barrett to work with Human Services department going forward to be included in
21 that budget. In response to queries from Mr. Carney, Ms. Barrett explained her agency
22 had not yet approached other non profit organizations for help.

23
24 **VOTE:** 7-0-1 (Chairman Covey abstained)

25 **The motion carried without recommendation.**

26
27 **Article – 40 Disaster Relief, American Red Cross (\$5,000.00)**

28 Ms. Rebecca Justice, Executive Director of the NH Gateway Chapter of the American
29 Red Cross spoke in support of this article, providing information on how her agency
30 helps the Town prepare for disasters.

31
32 **MOTION:** Selectman Barnes (with recommendation)

33 ***To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars***
34 ***(\$5,000) for the purpose of Disaster Relief, American Red Cross.***

35 **SECOND:** Attorney Campbell

36
37 **Discussion:** In response to a query from Mr. Campbell, Ms. Justice explained why the
38 agency was asking for funding from the Town, stressing the Town would need to pay for
39 services such as those provided by her agency directly if the agency was not available.
40 Messrs. Carney and Rayno spoke in support of the article. Mr. Carney declared he had
41 signed the petition. In response to a query from Chairman Covey, Ms. Justice explained
42 about the agency's budget and how the Town fits into it overall. She also explained for
43 Ms. David how the agency works with FEMA and other agencies in emergency
44 situations.

45
46 **VOTE:** 7-0-1 (Mr. Campbell voted without recommendation)

1 **The motion carried with recommendation.**

2
3 *Article 41 – Center for Life Management (\$10,000.00)*

4 **MOTION:** Selectman Barnes (without recommendation)

5 *To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars*
6 *(\$10,000) for the purpose of providing behavioral health services to the residents of*
7 *Salem at the Center of Life Management. CLM currently serves 512 Salem residents.*
8 *The office is located at 44 Stiles in Salem.*

9 **SECOND:** Attorney Campbell

10
11 **Discussion:** In response to a query from Chairman Covey, Selectman Barnes clarified the
12 request was to reinstate the usual \$5,000 which the agency receives from the Town, plus
13 an additional \$5,000, for a total of \$10,000 for 2009. The Committee discussed the
14 services this agency provides for the Town and whether the same services could be
15 available within the Town if required.

16
17 **VOTE:** 8-0-0

18 **The motion carried unanimously without recommendation.**

19
20 *Article 42 - Historic Preservation Consultant (\$5,000.00)*

21 Mrs. Beverly Glynn, Chairman of the Salem Historic District Commission spoke in
22 support of the article, providing details of the benefits of placing the Old Town Hall on
23 the State Register of Historic Places.

24
25 **MOTION:** Selectman Barnes (with recommendation)

26 *To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars*
27 *(\$5,000) for the purpose of hiring an Historic Preservation Consultant to prepare the*
28 *necessary documentation for listing the Old Town Hall on the State Register of*
29 *Historic Places.*

30 **SECOND:** Attorney Campbell

31
32 **Discussion:** In response to queries from Mr. Carney, Mrs. Glynn reported the \$5,000
33 being requested was the total amount required for the work necessary and once the
34 building is on the State Register it would be possible to obtain funding from the state to
35 help with the maintenance of the building.

36
37 She confirmed for Mr. Rayno it may be possible to use the work done to prepare the
38 application for this building to assist the Commission in doing the work themselves for
39 getting other buildings on the State Register in the future. Mrs. Glynn provided
40 information on the consultant and on what information the state requires for the
41 application. There was discussion relating to the restrictions the state may put on the
42 town regarding repairs to the building if it is accepted to the register.

43
44 **VOTE:** 8-0-0

45 **The motion carried unanimously recommendation.**

1 **Article 17 – Expendable Trust Fund Employee Separation (\$350,000.00)**

2 **MOTION:** Selectman Barnes with recommendation

3 *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Fifty*
4 *Thousand Dollars (\$350,000), to be placed in the Employee Separation Benefits*
5 *Expendable Trust Fund previously established for the purpose of funding the buy-out*
6 *of employee benefits upon separation of employment.*

7 **SECOND:** Attorney Campbell

8 **Discussion:** Selectman Barnes provided background information on the article and Mr.
9 Carney stated he would like to see the town work on reducing this type of expenditure in
10 the future. Mr. Campbell spoke about the method used to calculate the amount required,
11 and that this should be negotiated with the unions in future.

12 **VOTE:** 8-0-0

13 **The motion carried unanimously with recommendation.**

14
15 **Article 19 – Winter Weather Operations (\$1,000,000.00)**

16 **MOTION:** Selectman Barnes with recommendation

17 *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred*
18 *Thousand Dollars (\$1,000,000), for the purpose of winter weather operations,*
19 *including, but not limited to, plowing and removing snow, sanding and chemically*
20 *treating streets, and otherwise responding to hazardous road conditions related to*
21 *winter weather.*

22 **SECOND:** Attorney Campbell

23 **Discussion:** There was discussion as to why Mr. Russell thought this additional money
24 would be necessary, referring the Committee to five year average figures and the higher
25 cost of salt. Members of the Committee voiced their concerns regarding the procedure
26 used to raise money for winter weather, stating they would prefer to see the money being
27 raised go into the trust fund for that purpose, and to have the money in the trust fund used
28 to support winter weather operations. They were also concerned about the additional
29 amount of money being requested at this point.

30 **VOTE:** 2-6-0 (Selectman Barnes and Attorney Campbell voted for the motion)

31 **The motion failed.**

32
33 **MOTION:** Mr. Campbell (without recommendation)

34 *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred*
35 *Thousand Dollars (\$1,000,000), for the purpose of winter weather operations,*
36 *including, but not limited to, plowing and removing snow, sanding and chemically*
37 *treating streets, and otherwise responding to hazardous road conditions related to*
38 *winter weather.*

39 **SECOND:** Mr. Carney

40 **VOTE:** 6-2-0 (Selectman Barnes and Attorney Campbell voted against the motion)

41 **The motion carried without recommendation.**

42 Mr. Carney explained for the benefit of viewers the Budget Committee is unable to
43 change the article and it would need to be changed on the floor of Town Meeting.

44
45 **Article 20 – To Reimburse the Roadway Capital Reserve for Bridge Aid Funds**
46 **(\$249,701.00)**

1 **MOTION:** Selectman Barnes with recommendation
2 *To see if the town will vote to authorize the transfer of Two Hundred Forty Nine*
3 *Thousand Seven Hundred One Dollars (\$249,701) into the Roadway Capital Reserve*
4 *Fund from the December 31, 2008 General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance such sum*
5 *representing the amount received from the New Hampshire Department of*
6 *Transportation for Bridge Aid for the town's Haverhill Road Bridge Project*

7 **SECOND:** Attorney Campbell

8 **Discussion:** Selectman Barnes provided background information on the article and
9 confirmed the money stays in the unreserved fund balance if the article fails. It was
10 explained this article reimburses the Roadway Capital Reserve from monies received
11 from NHDOT and there was some debate among members of the Committee as to
12 whether the Board of Selectmen should have a list of roads prepared for which to use this
13 money during 2009.

14 **VOTE:** 8-0-0

15 **The motion carried unanimously with recommendation.**

16
17 Chairman Covey announced a five minute recess after which she called the meeting to
18 order again.

19
20 **Article 21 – Replacement Engine 5 Year Lease Purchase Option (\$112,438)**

21 **MOTION:** Selectman Barnes with recommendation

22 *To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a five year*
23 *lease agreement for \$508,845 for the purpose of leasing a new fire engine for the Fire*
24 *Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twelve Thousand*
25 *Four Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars (\$110,438) for the first year's payment and further*
26 *to raise and appropriate an additional amount of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars*
27 *(\$1,500) for the purchase of additional equipment. This lease agreement contains an*
28 *"escape clause". (Majority vote required).*

29 **SECOND:** Attorney Campbell

30 **Discussion:** Mr. Campbell queried the amount and Ms. Savastano explained the company
31 will honor a lower price as they get money up front. Mr. Campbell provided his opinion
32 that he would prefer to see the town financing vehicles with cash as he did not agree with
33 paying interest. Selectman Barnes, Messrs. Rayno and Carney spoke in support of
34 financing new vehicles.

35 **VOTE:** 7-1-0 (Mr. Campbell voted against the motion)

36 **The motion carried with recommendation.**

37
38 **Article 22 – Medium Duty Rescue Ambulance – 5 Year Lease Purchase Option**
39 **(\$60,066.00)**

40 **MOTION:** Selectman Barnes with recommendation

41 *To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a five year*
42 *lease agreement for \$212,000 for the purpose of purchasing a new Ambulance for the*
43 *Fire Department and to appropriate the sum of Forty Six Thousand Two Hundred*
44 *Twenty Dollars (\$46,220) for the first year's payment and further to raise and*
45 *appropriate an additional amount of Thirteen Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Six*

1 *Dollars (\$13,846) for the purchase of additional equipment. This lease agreement*
2 *contains an "escape clause". (Majority vote required).*

3 **SECOND:** Attorney Campbell

4 **Discussion:** In response to queries raised by Mr. Campbell, Chief Breen confirmed the
5 Fire department currently has four ambulances, and this request is not included in the
6 operating budget as it is a lease agreement. He further explained the ambulance to be
7 replaced by the new vehicle has now been taken out of service and it was necessary to
8 purchase a used vehicle in the interim which will be repurchased by the dealer when the
9 new vehicle is available.

10 **VOTE:** 7-1-0 (Mr. Campbell voted against the motion)

11 **The motion carried with recommendation.**

12
13 **Article 23 – DPW Sweeper – 5 Year Lease Purchase Option (\$42,841.00)**

14 **MOTION:** Selectman Hargreaves with recommendation

15 *To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a five year*
16 *lease agreement for \$196,500 for the purpose of purchasing a new Sweeper for the*
17 *Department of Public Works and to appropriate the sum of Forty Two Thousand*
18 *Eight Hundred Forty-One Dollars (\$42,841) for the first year's payment for that*
19 *purpose. This lease agreement contains an "escape clause". (Majority vote required).*

20 **SECOND:** Attorney Campbell

21 **Discussion:** Mr. Campbell suggested that an answer be obtained to the question of
22 whether a price reduction can be obtained due to the current exchange rate between the
23 US and Canadian dollars.

24 **VOTE:** 7-1-0 (Mr. Campbell voted against the motion)

25 **The motion carried with recommendation.**

26
27 **Article 24 – Dump Truck – 5 Year Lease Purchase Option (\$25,836.00)**

28 **MOTION:** Selectman Barnes with recommendation

29 *To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a five year*
30 *lease agreement for \$118,500 for the purpose of purchasing a Cab and Chassis Dump*
31 *Truck for the Department of Public Works and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five*
32 *Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars (\$25,836) for the first year's payment for*
33 *that purpose. This lease agreement contains an "escape clause". (Majority vote*
34 *required).*

35 **SECOND:** Attorney Campbell

36 **VOTE:** 7-1-0 (Mr. Campbell voted against the motion)

37 **The motion carried with recommendation.**

38
39 **Article 25 – Two Trucks – 5 Year Lease Purchase Option (\$38,372.00)**

40 **MOTION:** Selectman Barnes with recommendation

41 *To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a five year*
42 *lease agreement for \$176,000 for the purpose of purchasing two Cab and Chassis*
43 *Trucks for the Department of Public Works and appropriate the sum of Thirty Eight*
44 *Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars (\$38,372) for the first year's payment*
45 *for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an "escape clause". (Majority vote*
46 *required).*

1 **SECOND:** Attorney Campbell

2 **VOTE:** 7-1-0 (Mr. Campbell voted against the motion)

3 **The motion carried with recommendation.**

4
5 **Article 26 – Bridge Construction (\$468,000.00)**

6 **MOTION:** Selectman Barnes

7 *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Sixty*
8 *Eight Thousand Dollars for the replacement of bridges including but not limited to the*
9 *bridge at Pelham Road over Porcupine Brook*

10 **SECOND:** Attorney Campbell

11 **Discussion:** In response to a query from Mr. Campbell, Selectman Barnes explained the
12 wording “including but not limited to” will enable the Board of Selectmen to include the
13 other bridges if the bond article fails. There followed discussion in which several
14 members of the Budget Committee voiced the opinion that they would not favor adding
15 to this article if the bond fails.

16 **VOTE:** 6-2-0 (Messrs. Campbell and Rayno voted against the motion)

17 **The motion carried with recommendation.**

18
19 **Article 27 – Roadway Stabilization Program (\$400,000.00)**

20 **MOTION:** Selectman Barnes (with recommendation)

21 *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred*
22 *Thousand Dollars (\$400,000), for the purpose of re-constructing/resurfacing roads to*
23 *include but not be limited to Rte 28 Kelly Road to Pattee Road, Rte 28 near Denny’s,*
24 *Rte 28 from Main Street to the Post Office and Rte 28 from Main Street to Old*
25 *Rockingham Road and to further authorize that this amount be placed in the Roadway*
26 *Improvement Capital Reserve Fund previously established for*
27 *reconstructing/resurfacing roads and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all*
28 *other action necessary in connection therewith*

29 **SECOND:** Attorney Campbell

30 **Discussion:** Mr. Campbell queried the amount which was clarified by Ms. Savastano. He
31 also gave his opinion that he would have preferred to see more spending on roads to keep
32 up with the road maintenance plan.

33 **VOTE:** 8-0-0

34 **The motion carried unanimously with recommendation.**

35
36 **Article 28 – Roadway Improvements Program (\$523,000.00)**

37 **MOTION:** Selectman Barnes (with recommendation)

38 *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Twenty*
39 *Three Thousand Dollars (\$523,000) for the purpose of repair and/or reconstruction of*
40 *existing roads and associated drainage improvements on Ball Avenue, Matthew Drive*
41 *and Tudor Drive and to further authorize that this amount be placed in the Roadway*
42 *Improvement Capital Reserve Fund previously established for reconstructing*
43 */resurfacing roads and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all other action*
44 *necessary in connection therewith.*

45 **SECOND:** Attorney Campbell

46 **Discussion:** In response to a query from Ms. David, Mr. Puff explained these roads

1 would be completely reconstructed in order that they will last for longer.

2 **VOTE:** 8-0-0

3 **The motion carried unanimously with recommendation.**

4
5 **Article 29 – Police AS-400 Replacement (\$288,565.00)**

6 **MOTION:** Selectman Barnes (with recommendation)

7 *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Eighty*
8 *Eight Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars (\$288,565) for the purchase of*
9 *technology equipment, software and related services. This sum to be offset by a*
10 *Federal Grant (Byrne Grant – Department of Justice) in the amount of \$25,496 with*
11 *the remaining amount to be raised by taxation*

12 **SECOND:** Attorney Campbell

13 **Discussion:** In response to a query regarding the company whose bid was accepted, Ms.
14 Crescenzi explained how this came about. She also confirmed the total amount included
15 software and hardware and clarified about maintenance. Ms. Crescenzi also handed out
16 information to the Committee indicating surrounding communities who currently use the
17 same software.

18 **VOTE:** 8-0-0

19 **The motion carried unanimously with recommendation.**

20
21 **Article 30 – Engineering Cluff & Cluff Crossing, So. Policy (\$130,000.00)**

22 **MOTION:** Selectman Barnes (with recommendation)

23 *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty*
24 *Thousand Dollars (\$130,000) for the purpose of engineering, plans, specifications,*
25 *costs estimates, permits, and bid specifications for the reconstruction of Cluff Road,*
26 *Cluff Crossing and a portion of South Policy Street.*

27 **SECOND:** Attorney Campbell

28 **VOTE:** 8-0-0

29 **The motion carried unanimously with recommendation.**

30
31 **Article 31 - Drainage Program Capacity Plan (\$225,000.00)**

32 **MOTION:** Selectman Barnes (with recommendation)

33 *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Twenty*
34 *Five Thousand Dollars (\$225,000) for the purpose of cleaning culverts and*
35 *appurtenant drainage systems, funding engineering to support the maintenance*
36 *program, and providing funds for analysis to support an impact fee system for*
37 *drainage*

38 **SECOND:** Attorney Campbell

39 **Discussion:** In response to a query from Mr. Campbell regarding the basis for the amount
40 of the article, Mr. Puff explained \$45,000 would be for impact fee work, \$57,000 for
41 engineering support work, and the balance for the physical work. He stated the figures
42 had been provided by the engineering consultant currently working on the inventory and
43 assessment program. There followed a discussion between Messrs. Campbell and Puff
44 regarding the pros and cons of going out to bid for this work versus extending the scope
45 of the current consultant. Messrs. Puff and Russell provided further information on the
46 costs and scope of the work for the benefit of the Committee. Mr. Puff attempted to

1 clarify there are two different parts to the article – maintenance and impact fees.

2 **VOTE:** 7-1-0 (Mr. Campbell voted against the motion)

3 **The motion carried with recommendation.**

4
5 It was agreed that no Budget Committee action was required on Article 32.

6
7 **Article 33 – Salem Cable Television Public Access Channel (\$273,375.00)**

8 **MOTION:** Selectman Barnes (with recommendation)

9 *To see if the Town will vote, if article 32 fails t pas to raise and appropriate the sum of*
10 *Two Hundred Seventy Three Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (273,375)*
11 *for the operational expenses related to the Salem Cable Television (SCTV). This*
12 *appropriation will be offset by the franchise fees received from the cable provider.*

13 **SECOND:** Attorney Campbell

14
15 **Mr. Theberge joined the meeting at 9:55 p.m.**

16
17 **Discussion:** In response to a request for clarification on the articles relating to SCTV,
18 Selectman Barnes explained the purpose of each of articles 33, 34 and 35. Mr. Sistare
19 confirmed there is cooperation between the School District and the Town regarding
20 sharing facilities.

21 **VOTE:** 9-0-0

22 **The motion carried unanimously with recommendation.**

23
24 Mr. Sistare provided an explanation of Article 34 as revised, following advice from DRA,
25 stating he would have the revised article available for the Budget Committee to take a
26 position on at the next meeting. There followed discussion on the procedural issues
27 raised by the changes requested by DRA.

28
29 **Article 35 –Demolition of the Kinsler Building (\$27,500.00)**

30 **MOTION:** Selectman Barnes (with recommendation)

31 *To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of Twenty Seven Thousand Five*
32 *Hundred Dollars (\$27,500) for the purpose of removing asbestos and demolition to a*
33 *building also known as the Kinsler Building, located at 21 Cross Street adjacent to the*
34 *Department of Public Works Garage.*

35 **SECOND:** Attorney Campbell

36 **Discussion:** Mr. Russell confirmed for Mr. Campbell the amount in this article is a firm
37 number.

38 **VOTE:** 9-0-0

39 **The motion carried unanimously with recommendation.**

40
41 **Article 36 – Purchase of Generators (\$370,765.00)**

42 **MOTION:** Selectman Barnes (with recommendation)

43 *To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ninety*
44 *Three Thousand, Eight Hundred and Ninety Dollars (\$193,890) for the purpose of*
45 *purchasing two generators for the Wheeler Dam pumping station and the Salem*
46 *Senior Center for emergency operation purposes and to authorize that the generator*

1 *for Wheeler Dam pumping station at a cost of On Hundred Three Thousand, One*
2 *Hundred and Fifty Two Dollars (\$103,152) be funded by the Water Fund and the*
3 *remaining balance of Ninety Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Eight Dollars*
4 *(\$90,738) be funded by taxation.*

5 **SECOND:** Attorney Campbell

6 **Discussion:** Selectman Barnes provided clarification on the purpose of the generator for
7 Wheeler Dam in response to a query from Mr. Campbell. Mr. Sistare stated there was a
8 sufficient balance in the Water Fund to absorb this kind of expense. Selectman Barnes
9 explained why the Senior Center had been selected as an emergency shelter in future
10 situations where large portions of the community are without power. Chairman Covey
11 suggested the Boys and Girls Club might have been a good option to consider as an
12 emergency shelter and Mr. Campbell suggested they might consider locating the
13 generator some distance from the building due to noise.

14 **VOTE:** 9-0-0

15 **The motion carried unanimously.**

16
17 Chairman Covey reminded everyone there would be a public hearing tomorrow at 7:00 p.m.
18 regarding the warrant articles and citizens' petitions which had been discussed this evening.

19
20 **MOTION:** by Mr. Rayno

21 *Move to adjourn the Budget Committee meeting until, 2009*

22 **SECOND:** Mr. Carney

23 **VOTE:** 9-0-0

24 **The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 10:17 p.m.**

25
26
27
28 Minutes recorded by: Sandra Maxwell, Recording Secretary

29
30 Approved: Budget Committee

31
32 Date: April 22, 2009