

MINUTES
MIDDLEFIELD FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 22, 2010

PRESENT: Joe Kearns, Tamarin Laurel Paine, Scott Artioli, Gita Jozsef and Ed Vivier

Chairman Kearns opened the meeting at 7:10 pm.

The minutes of the previous meeting on March 1, 2010 were approved as read.

Chairman Kearns informed the Committee that the state is looking at a possible 4% reduction in state aid for FY 2011.

The Town of Middlefield may have 6 possible students in the Vocational Educational Program for FY 2011 which therefore explains the request for \$140,000 up from \$70,000 last year.

Chairman Kearns announced that we will be over our levy limit and one possible suggestion to the Selectboard will be an override vote at the town meeting.

Regarding the dump capping, the Town has submitted all the required information to the DEP but as of yet received no information back from them. Therefore we suggest that the line budget for the dump capping be reduced by \$5,000.

The Finance Committee again went over the latest draft of the annual town warrant. Some changes in wording were suggested and unanimously approved by a vote of the Committee.

The Assistant Assessor line item budget was reduced from \$5,562 to \$5,400 as recommended by the Board of Assessors.

Finance Committee member, Tamarin Laurel Paine, recommended that the Committee drop Article 17 in the latest draft of the annual town warrant. This article relates to the capping of the old dump on Skyline Trail. She also noted that the budget request from the Conservation Committee for \$1,300 was incorrectly carried forward from the 2010 budget and that the correct amount is \$1,170.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm to meet with the Selectboard.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Vivier
Secretary