

**TOWN OF NORTH HARMONY
PUBLIC HEARING BUDGET 2011
WEDNESDAY, 11/3/10 7:00 PM**

SALLY P. CARLSON, SUPERVISOR	PRESENT
RALPH WHITNEY, COUNCILMAN	PRESENT
ART THOMAS, COUNCILMAN	PRESENT
FRANK STOW, COUNCILMAN	PRESENT
DICK SENA, COUNCILMAN	PRESENT

OTHERS PRESENT: Gary Ryan, Highway Superintendent; Robin Miller, Bookkeeper; Dave Stapleton, Attorney; Brian Stevens, Bruce Stevens, Pat O'Brien, Bill Stratton, Highway M.E.O.'s; Betty Ryan, Nancy Thomas, Town Clerk

Mrs. Carlson brought the hearing to order at 7:00 PM. She said Mr. Lawson said he would not be at the board meeting on Monday and said that if anyone wished to speak to him he would meet them prior to the meeting.

Mr. Sena said there were some Planning Board matters he wanted to discuss with him but nothing urgent unless Mr. Lawson had any comment on the Comprehensive Plan. Mrs. Carlson said Mr. McCord would be at the board meeting to speak and then the board could set a public hearing date for the Comprehensive Plan at which time comment could be made.

Mrs. Carlson said there has been a change on the Summary of Town Budget page. She said that a line item BOCES SEWER ROAD PUSH has been added in the amount of \$16,537.00 and BOCES will be making the entire payment because the bond will be coming due before the end of next year and town funds cannot be used to make that payment. She said they will make that payment in January, 2011 and the town will make the bond payment in December, 2011. She said other changes include:

- The subtraction of \$1.00 on page 8, Highway Fund – Employee Benefits, DA9010.8 Retirement in order to balance the payment
- Addition of DR5110.4.1 Water Garden Project \$30,850 and DR5110.4.2 Bly Hill Project \$40,000 in Highway Expenditures, page 8. She said these were added because the town will be receiving grant funding for these projects in 2011. She said these amounts have also been added in the Revenue section DA2706 on page 2 to offset the expenditure. She said if for some reason the money is not received, there would be no expenditure.

Mr. Sena asked about Health Care Insurance costs.

Mrs. Carlson said Robin has received figures from Independent Health which indicate a 15.5% rate increase for singles/couples and 13.5% increase for family coverage. She asked if anyone had any questions regarding the proposed 2011 budget. She said the town tax rate will remain at last year's amount of \$2.40/per \$1,000 of assessed value. She said currently the town receives approximately \$500,000.00 in sales tax revenue and appropriates \$100,000 for the General Fund and \$350,000 for the Highway Fund. She said this should have no effect on appropriations because we are not spending everything we are getting; a portion is going into unexpended balance. There was further general discussion.

The hearing was closed at 7:20 PM.

*Nancy Thomas
Town Clerk*