

Council Notes-June 1, 2011

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- At its agenda meeting on May 23rd, the council reviewed options for addressing the effects on the town of rising costs and lost revenue. In an effort to reduce a projected FY 2012 budget deficit without raising property taxes, cutting services or essential personnel, the council explored and made a number of cuts. In spite of these cuts, a deficit remains.
- Like a majority of municipalities across the state, the council is considering establishing a self-supporting sanitation fund. Such a fund would allow the town to address increasing landfill fees and gasoline prices. The Town Manager and the Finance Director are currently working out a plan for a modest monthly fee to be assigned to each household based on sanitation costs including landfill and hauling. Information will be forthcoming.
- “Conserving Our Green Space”, a presentation given by Council Member Annette Allen at the May 9th council meeting, may be viewed as a PDF on the town’s website. The presentation details recommendations by the Parks Board to protect and preserve certain town parks and green spaces by entering into conservation easement agreements with the Tennessee River Gorge Trust. Citizens are asked to view the presentation and email comments to Bill Fronk at bfronk@comcast.net.
- To take advantage of daylight hours, the Public Works Department will work only four days a week with extended hours this summer. Therefore, the Transfer Station will be closed on Fridays. Until September 6th, the hours at the Transfer Station will be Monday-Thursday from 7am-5:30pm and Saturday 8am-4pm.
- Mulch will be available this Saturday from 8am to 2pm at the Transfer Station. The cost is \$5 a truckload.
- The Planning Commission meeting on Thursday, June 2nd, has been cancelled.

