

**Town of Amherst
Ways and Means Committee
Date: November 7, 2011
Meeting Minutes**

The meeting came to order at 8:29pm.

Members present: Bob Brewster, Charlene Carper, David Chen, Peter Eiche, Dick Lefebvre, Maggie Paul

Approval of Minutes: Changes were adopted. David moved to approve minutes of October 24th, Charlene seconded. Minutes approved.

Old Business: Meeting with Library trustees on Thursday, October 27, 2011 went well. It was a very informative meeting and the refreshments were well received.

Committee reports: Members will meet with their assigned departments within the next two weeks.

Discussion: The Ways & Means Committee requests that each member receive a copy of all budget reports and any handouts for Board of Selectman meetings (6 copies).

Department reports were discussed. We all agree that we must look at the critical needs of the Town overall.

Health Insurance was discussed. W&M would like to encourage the Town Administrator to look at options that would involve the employees. We would like to know what is currently in place. Jim agreed to give us what the current plan is and what the future plan is to hold costs in line.

New Business: none

Next meeting: The Board of Selectman will meet at 6:15pm. Monday, November 14, 2011. The Ways & Means Committee will meet following Board of Selectman meeting in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

| **Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.** Dave motioned to adjourn the meeting and Bob seconded.

| **Respectfully submitted,**

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Maggie Paul