

Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2017

Meeting called to order at 1830 hrs. Present were Joe Goss (Chairman), Julie Rosiak (V.Chair), Donna Gridley, Lynne Parker, Rick Morgan (Selectman Rep) and Jonathan Smith. There is no representative for the West Ossipee Fire Pct. Not present were Kathleen Maloney, Marie McConarty and Ellen White (Town Administrator).

Previous meeting minutes from January 26 were reviewed and approved.

Joe Goss opened the meeting with a discussion on the projected revenue sheet. Total revenues listed are \$2,552,219. Joe had concern regarding the estimation on the sale of municipal properties. Jonathan had the same concern and felt based on previous sales the estimate was too high. Rick stated it may be a little optimistic but if revenues fall short at the end of the year, the tax rate can be stabilized with the surplus. He also stated that the revenues are consistent with the past.

Jonathan opened a discussion on additional revenue lines pertaining to delinquent tax revenues and misc. revenues sub category other. He indicated that last year the delinquent tax revenues only took in \$217k. Quite a bit less than the \$260k projected for this year. He also noted that the misc. revenues other category was only \$20k last year and \$17k the previous year. Once you exclude the \$21k one time infusion from the Chickville church fund and the one time rebate of \$63k from the HealthTrust refund. Rick Morgan stated these "other" revenues are hard to estimate and always change. He did say that there was \$280k added to the surplus account from unspent funds last year. This money could and has been used in the past to offset the tax rate if revenues fall short.

The PD budget was revisited concerning the amount of raises being given in one fiscal year. Joe had concern including Jonathan and Donna that the "Catch Up" salary adjustments would never end. Rick Morgan understood but felt that Ossipee loses too many good cops over low pay. Chief Eldridge stated the same and indicated that these raises are just keeping us competitive. Jonathan asked Chief Eldridge as to how many officers he lost over the last three years. Chief Eldridge stated none.

With no further discussion taking place Joe read the following items to be voted on:

- 1) Total budget including warrant articles in the amount of \$6,270,788.00. A vote was taken and it passed unanimously.
- 2) Total revenues in the amount of \$2,552,219.00. A vote was taken and it passed unanimously.
- 3) Amount to be raised by taxation of \$3,718,569.00. A vote was taken and it passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be the annual budget hearing on Feb 8, 2017.

A motion was made to adjourn at 1935hrs. It passed.

Jonathan Smith

Recording Clerk

