

## Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2017

Meeting called to order at 1832 hrs. Present were Joe Goss (Chairman), Donna Gridley, Marie McConarty, Kathleen Maloney and Jonathan Smith. There is no representative for West Ossipee Fire Pct. Not present were Lynne Parker, Julie Rosiak, Rick Morgan and Ellen White.

Previous meeting minutes from January 12 were reviewed and approved.

Joe Goss opened the meeting with a discussion on the projected revenues presented to the committee. The general consensus of the committee was concern on the revenue line pertaining to the sale of tax deeded properties and surplus vehicles. Also noted was the high estimation on the revenue line pertaining to interest and penalties on delinquent taxes. There was no one present to further explain the revenue projections so it was tabled to the next meeting.

Lynne Parker entered at 1838 hrs.

Joe Goss presented the following Warrant articles for discussion:

Article # 5 through 18 was discussed.

All articles passed unanimously as written. Please see attached warrant articles as presented to us by the Selectmen. Total amount raised by taxation is \$533,290.00. Total amount from unreserved fund balance is \$87,360.00. Combined total is \$620,650.00.

Joe Goss presented the overall budget line by line. There was an open discussion focusing on the Police Department raise. Joe and Jonathan voiced concern on the amount of the raises in one year and the precedent it was setting. The other members understood but were concerned about the low pay of the PD and the loss of officers to other towns. The board continued to discuss the affects of the unsettled union contract including the burgeoning cost of the health insurance benefit to the taxpayer.

Since the board could not come to a consensus the meeting was adjourned at 1926 hrs.

Next meeting will be Feb. 1 2017.

Jonathan Smith

Recording Clerk