

## **Budget Committee Meeting**

**11/06/13**

Present: Chairman Donna Sargent, Joe Goss, Jane terKuile, Harry C. Merrow, Selectmen's Representative, Lynne Parker, Tom Kondrat, Matthew Trahan, David Babson, Jim Fitzpatrick. Marie McConarty was absent.

Sargent called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Goss made a motion to approve the minutes of 10/30/13. Parker seconded. The motion carried. Babson abstained due to his absence.

Peter Waugh, Recreation Director presented this budget in the amount of \$156,735.00. Waugh explained that the total budget is down by \$588.00. This is the amount of one paycheck because the year 2013 was 53 weeks of payroll and for 2014 the year has 52 weeks. Waugh reported that his revenues is down from last year. Waugh explained that funds from the scholarships for his summer program were down. He stated the application process for the Ossipee children's fund has changed and he felt that some of the applicants did not fill them out completely and were turned down. He stated that he has a couple of new programs for the fall that will generate some income. Goss made a motion to take this budget under advisement. Parker seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Pat Jones, representing the Ossipee Economic Development & Mt. Washington Valley Economic Council presented the budgets for these organizations in the amount of \$600.00. This amount is level funded. ter Kuile made a motion to take this budget under advisement. Parker seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. The Ossipee Economic Development Committee is trying to get more people to serve on this committee.

Pat Jones, Secretary to the Planning Board, presented the Budget for the Planning Board in the amount of \$12,009.00. Jones explained that the increase in this budget is primarily for an increase in her hours. She stated that to date the Planning Board has taken in \$2,200.00 in revenues. This amount should cover the cost for postage, notices, and advertising. Goss made a motion to take this budget under advisement. Parker seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Pat Jones, Secretary to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, presented the budget in the amount of \$4,001.00. Jones explained that this increase is also for hours needed. Jones reported that they have received \$1338.00 in revenue to date. Parker made a motion to take this amount under advisement. ter Kuile seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Pat Jones, Secretary to the Conservation Commission, presented the budget in the amount of \$7,290.00. The Board of Selectmen recommended reducing this amount by the \$2,000.00 and adding it to the Warrant Article for Milfoil treatment. Goss made a motion to take this amount under advisement. ter Kuile seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Joanne Gayer, Dog Officer, presented this budget in the amount of \$12,553.00. Babson asked how the town is charged for a dog brought into the Humane Society. Gayer stated that most dogs brought in are claimed by the owner within a couple of days. The owner pays the cost. The town would only be billed if the dog was not claimed. Gayer was asked why she reduced the Humane Society line and added it to her salary. Merrow stated that this budget was reduced by a considerable amount a couple of years ago and hopefully it will get back to where it should be. Goss made a motion to take this amount under advisement. Fitzpatrick seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Kellie Skehan, Tax Collector/Town Clerk, presented this budget in the amount of \$274,185.00. Skehan stated that she added a new line to her budget for longevity for her staff. She stated that she increased the amount for over time, because her deputy is not salary and she needs for money to pay her for the hours she puts in on election days. She stated that there are three elections this year. She stated that the health insurance increased this year by 7.9%. The Health insurance costs were discussed.

Kellie Skehan presented the budget for the Elections in the amount of \$7,405.00. Kondrat asked how this budget compares with other towns. Skehan said she did not know. ter Kuile made a motion to take this amount under advisement. Goss seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Committee discussed setting a date for the Public Hearing. Eldridge will bring in the LGC calendar next week and the date will be set.

ter Kuile made a motion to adjourn. Parker seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Adjourned at 7:55 pm