

Budget Committee Minutes 10/28/2015

Meeting called to order at 1830 hrs. Present were Joe Goss(Chair), Julie Rosiak(VChair), Kathleen Maloney, Marie McConarty, Lynne Parker, Rick Morgan, Jonathan Smith and Ellen White Town Administrator. Not present were Matt Trahan and Tom Kondrat.

Agenda is to discuss and vote on the following budgets:

Trustee of Trust Funds: Connie Billings presented a budget increase of \$1000. Talked about the need for new software to facilitate management of the funds. Rick Morgan stated Selectmen approved 3-0. Budget committee passed unanimously.

Cemeteries: Roy Barron presented. No change in budget. Rick Morgan stated Selectmen approved 3-0. Budget Committee passed unanimously.

Treasurer: Harry Merrow presented. Removed \$100 for mileage which he does not claim. Added \$1000 to supplies for software to streamline operations of the Treasurer. . Rick Morgan stated Selectmen approved 3-0. Budget Committee passed unanimously. Jonathan Smith abstained .

Conservation Agent: Rick Morgan presented. Recommended adding \$3000 to hire a Timber Agent which would protect landowners during logging operation. . Rick Morgan stated Selectmen approved 3-0. Budget Committee passed unanimously.

Selectmen: Rick Morgan presented. Rick Morgan stated Selectmen approved 3-0. Budget Committee passed unanimously.

Dam Authority: Rick Morgan presented. ~~No change to budget.~~ Cost shared with Freedom based on town assessed values. Rick Morgan stated Selectmen approved 3-0. Budget Committee passed unanimously. *Down by \$425*

Legal Expenses: Ellen White presented. Request to add \$5k for some upcoming legal expenses which will vary. Rick Morgan stated Selectmen approved 3-0. Budget Committee passed unanimously.

Patriotic Purposes: Ellen White and Rick Morgan presented. There is a need for flag replacement. Budget increase of \$498. Rick Morgan stated Selectmen approved 3-0. Budget Committee passed unanimously.

Welfare: Ellen White and Rick Morgan presented. Lynne Parker was concerned about the low expenditures on general assistance. Rick Morgan stressed the importance of helping those who need it. That is why the money was appropriated. Rick Morgan stated Selectmen approved 3-0. Budget Committee passed unanimously.

Old business: Ellen White discussed placing an ad in the paper for an opening on the Budget Committee.

Rick Morgan stated at this time the budget is in line with expenditures(25.19% remaining).

Meeting adjourned at 1928hrs. Next meeting will be Wed 11/04/2015 1830hrs at the Freight House.

Jonathan Smith

Recording Clerk