

## Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2016

Meeting called to order at 1830 hrs. Present were Joe Goss (Chairman), Julie Rosiak (V.Chair), Donna Gridley, Marie McConarty, Kathleen Maloney, Lynne Parker, Jonathan Smith and Rick Morgan(Selectmen rep). There is no representative for the West Ossipee Fire Pct.

Previous meeting minutes from Oct 26 were reviewed and unanimously approved.

The following budgets were reviewed:

1) Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Kellie Skehan presented. The line item for salary increased due to employee's obtaining the ability to sell back vacation time plus a projected 3% raise with the union contract. Records restoration increased expecting a 10k grant. If the grant does not come through the money will not be spent. Overall the budget increased 4.76%. Rick Morgan stated health ins. is going down and the union contract is not settled yet. A motion was made to approve the budget in the amount of \$309,925.00 (4.76%). Budget was approved unanimously.

2) Elections: Kellie Skehan presented. The budget is down due to only one election this year. A motion was made to approve the budget in the amount of \$3975.00 (-67.94%). Budget was approved unanimously.

3) Registrations: Jane Goodwin presented. Budget is down with only one election this year. A motion was made to approve the budget in the amount of \$4826.00 (-315.01%). Budget was approved unanimously.

4) Recreation Dept.: Craig Brady the new rec. director presented. He consolidated all part time position wages under the PT wages line item. The computer software increase is due to the creation of a new website. This is a onetime fee. Rick Morgan stated that Craig took the buyout option for the health ins which is a huge saving for the town. He has coverage through the VA since he is a vet. A motion was made to approve the budget in the amount of \$161,912.00 (-11.18%). Budget was approved unanimously.

Ellen White (Town administrator) entered the meeting at 1853hrs.

5) Economic Development: Ash Fischbein presented. Budget amount is the same as last year even though there were no expenditures this year. A new website is coming. A motion was made to approve the budget in the amount of \$2500.00. Budget was approved unanimously.

6) Conservation Commission: Ron Adams presented. The increase in secretary wages is due to the increased work load and an under estimation the last budget year. A motion was made to approve the budget in the amount of \$161,912.00 (-11.18%). Budget was approved unanimously.

7) Planning Board: Connie Billings presented. The increase in secretary wages is due to the increased work load and an under estimation during the last budget year. Some confusion occurred regarding the

line pertaining to professional fees. A motion was made by Marie and seconded by Rick for discussion on this issue. Rick Morgan stated the selectmen approved it in the amount of \$2k. Frank Riley stated it should be the original requested amount of \$5k. This money is actually paid for by the person applying to the planning board so no actual costs are incurred by the board. However, it should still be shown as a line item. Frank did miss the Selectmen meeting when this was reviewed. Rick Morgan did not object to the \$5k but stated it was not necessary to be shown as such. Kathleen Maloney suggested we table the budget until it gets worked out. A motion was made to approve the budget in the amount of \$22659.00 (39.69%). Budget passed by all except one no vote by Lynne Parker.

8) ZBA: Rick Morgan presented. The increase in secretary wages is due to the increased work load and an under estimation during the last budget year. The mileage increase is due to upcoming seminars. A motion was made to approve the budget in the amount of \$8149.00 (41.99%). Budget was approved unanimously.

Open discussion on next week's meeting and the town finances.

Meeting adjourned at 1942hrs. Next meeting will be Nov 10, 2016 at the Freight House.

Jonathan Smith

Recording Clerk