

**OSSIPEE BUDGET COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 6, 2020**

Minutes recorded by and summarized by Laura Nash, Budget Committee Recording Secretary, amendments are noted by ***bold/italic*** type.

Call to Order: Joe Goss called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance – was recited

Attendance by Roll Call: – Joe Goss, Jonathan Smith, Donna Gridley, Roland Millette, Lynne Parker, and Louise Sutherland, Martha Eldridge (Selectmen's Rep.) and Matt Sawyer, Jr, Town Administrator

Absent: Rachel Ciarmella and Carter Clay.

Attendees: Sandra "Sam" Martin (Selectmen)

Meeting Minutes: The Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2020 were reviewed by the committee.

Millette questioned the difference in verbage on warrant article #13 (page 4) verses the verbage on warrant article #17 on the new handout. Sawyer explained per conversations with the DRA and Town Attorney, Rick Sager the verbage is revised to warrant article # 17 of the tonight's handout and what will be on the ballot.

M. Eldridge noted on page 13, "Not was heard." should be "***None*** was heard." Revision was made.

A **Motion** by Gridley to approve the meeting minutes of January 15, 2020 as amended. Parker seconded. No further discussion. All voted in favor to approve the minutes as amended. **Motion passed.**

Goss read the **2020 Petition Warrant Articles:**

A petition to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the Old Home Week Committee to use towards Independence Day fireworks. (Recommended by Selectmen 2-0-1).

A **Motion** by Parker to recommend the Petition Warrant Article in the amount of \$5,000.00 for Old Home Week Committee for fireworks. Smith seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed 7-0-0.**

**Warrant Articles:**

Matt Sawyer, Jr. brought attention to the Budget Committee changes to the Sidewalk Warrant Article per conversations with DRA and Attorney Sager. Sawyer noted the two articles have been combined into one and requires a 2/3's vote. The article is now listed as Article #22, as follows.

(Current Version)

**Article # 17 Discontinue Sidewalk Expendable Trust Fund** in the amount of (40,000.00)

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Ossipee Sidewalk Expendable Trust Fund created in 2007. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's general fund.

**Article # 18 New Sidewalk Construction and Lighting Expendable Trust Fund** in the amount of 40,000.00

To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Ossipee Sidewalk Construction and Lighting Expendable Trust Fund for the planning, layout and installation of sidewalks, sidewalk lighting, signage and related expenses in the Town of Ossipee and to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to be placed in said fund, and to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend, the total sum of which to come from the Town's general fund, and nothing to be raised by taxation.

(Revised Warrant Article)

**Article # 22** To see if the town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Ossipee Sidewalk Expendable Trust Fund to the Ossipee Sidewalk Construction and Lighting Expendable Trust Fund for the planning, layout and installation of sidewalks, sidewalk lighting, signage and related expenses in the Town of Ossipee and to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend. (Recommended by Selectmen 2 - 0 ) (Recommended by Budget Committee - ) (2/3 vote required).

A **Motion** by Millette to recommend the Warrant Article #22 as revised to change the purpose of the existing Ossipee Sidewalk Expendable Trust Fund to the Ossipee Sidewalk Construction and Lighting Expendable Trust Fund. Eldridge seconded. No discussion. No Opposition. **Motion passed 7-0-0.**

Sawyer explained the proposed operating has been updated since the last meeting, except for the \$5,000.00, which just got approved. So, the MS-737 could not be printed for this meeting but he will update it in the morning. Parker objected to not having the MS-737 at tonight's meetings for signing. Sawyer explained DRA does not allow signing off on the budget until after the public hearing in case of any changes which could take place.

Discussion ensued over which Fire Precincts have their MS-737 ready for signing. Ossipee Corner and West Ossipee have their MS-737 but per Joe Deighan, Center Ossipee needs to send it to the lawyer to be reviewed. Goss informed Deighan and Center Ossipee Fire Precinct that the final MS-737 copy is supposed to be submitted tonight for the public hearing and for the Budget Committee to sign. Deighan provided their budget to Goss for the hearing.

Goss made arrangements Sawyer and Deighan to have their MS-737's at the Center Ossipee Fire Precinct for members of the Budget Committee to stop by and sign off on the forms.

**Any Other Business Which May Come Before This Meeting:**

Goss noted with no other business, he would entertain a motion to adjourn.

**Adjournment:**

A **Motion** by Smith to adjourn the meeting. Parker seconded. No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed.** The meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM.

Minutes approved by majority vote of the Board on –

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Date

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Joe Goss, Chairman  
Budget Committee

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Jonathan Smith, Vice-Chair  
(In the absence of the Chairman)