

**Budget Committee Public Hearing
February 6, 2014**

Chairman Donna Sargent called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Donna Sargent, Tom Kondrat-West Ossipee Rep, Matt Trahan, Jane ter Kuile, Joe Goss, Marie McConarty-Ctr. Ossipee Rep, David Babson, Lynne Parker-Ossipee Corner Rep, Harry Merrow-Selectmen's Rep, Selectman Richard Morgan and Ellen White who recorded the minutes.

Goss made a motion to approve the minutes of the 1/29/2014 budget workshop. ter Kuile seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Sargent began the public hearing with West Ossipee Fire Precinct's budget. Kondrat asked what the Capital Reserve Fund is used for. Chief Carl Huddleston responded that it is used for firefighter and rescue equipment. He further stated that the fund had not been invested in for a few years and they just restarted investing in 2012. Goss asked what the debt service is and how much is outstanding. Huddleston responded with \$320,000 outstanding for the Jewell Hill Station and \$62,000 for equipment lease. Goss asked why the Capital Reserve Fund is not used to pay down their debt. Huddleston responded that it had been suggested but was not voted in favor. He further stated that there is no benefit to pay the debt off sooner as there is an early payoff penalty that would apply. Goss made a motion to recommend the budget in the amount of \$422,520. Parker seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Jim Dolan of the Center Ossipee Fire Precinct stated their budget to be in the amount of \$450,529. He stated that there are also warrant articles for the purchase of a new engine, purchase of a new rescue tool and roof replacement. Kondrat questioned the purpose of the Capital Reserve Fund. Dolan answered that it is used for apparatus repair and new equipment. Goss made a motion to recommend the budget in the amount of \$450,529. ter Kuile seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Jim Spencer of the Ossipee Corner Light & Power Precinct stated their budget to be in the amount of \$422,440. Parker added that there will be a warrant article in the amount of \$40,000 coming from surplus to add to the Capital Reserve Fund-Fire Apparatus. Goss made a motion to recommend the budget in the amount of \$422,440. ter Kuile seconded. Parker abstained. Majority vote carried.

Goss made a motion to recommend the Conservation Agent's budget in the amount of \$400. ter Kuile seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

McConarty made a motion to recommend the Selectmen's Salary budget in the amount of \$16,364. Parker seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

ter Kuile made a motion to recommend the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's budget in the amount of \$274,185. Parker seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

ter Kuile made a motion to recommend the Election's budget in the amount of \$11,000. McConarty seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

ter Kuile made a motion to recommend the Voter Registration's budget in the amount of \$18,137. Parker seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Parker made a motion to recommend the Treasurer's budget in the amount of \$10,580. ter Kuile seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

ter Kuile made a motion to recommend the Selectmen's Office budget in the amount of \$501,899. Parker seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

ter Kuile made a motion to recommend the Economic Development's budget in the amount of \$600. McConarty seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Parker made a motion to recommend the Ossipee Lake Dam Authority's budget in the amount of \$8,964. ter Kuile seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

ter Kuile made a motion to recommend the Legal budget in the amount of \$30,000. Parker seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Parker made a motion to recommend the Planning Board's budget in the amount of \$12,009. ter Kuile seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Parker made a motion to recommend the Zoning Board of Adjustment's budget in the amount of \$4,001. ter Kuile seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

ter Kuile made a motion to recommend the Government Building's budget in the amount of \$221,263. Parker seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Parker made a motion to recommend the Trustee of Trust Funds' budget in the amount \$5,263. ter Kuile seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Parker made a motion to recommend the Cemeteries' budget in the amount of \$28,454. ter Kuile seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Parker made a motion to recommend the Insurance budget in the amount of \$150,118. ter Kuile seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Parker made a motion to recommend the Police Department's budget in the amount of \$993,094. ter Kuile seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

ter Kuile made a motion to recommend the Police Special Duty budget in the amount of \$25,000. Parker seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

ter Kuile made a motion to recommend the Dog Officer's budget in the amount of \$12,553. Parker seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Parker made a motion to recommend the Fire Warden's budget in the amount of \$20,400. ter Kuile seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Parker made a motion to recommend the Zoning Officer's budget in the amount of \$90,386. ter Kuile seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

ter Kuile made a motion to recommend the Highway Department's budget in the amount of \$1,226,050. Parker seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

ter Kuile made a motion to recommend the Public Works Director's budget in the amount of \$99,750. Parker seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Parker made a motion to recommend the Transfer Station budget in the amount of \$462,685. ter Kuile seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Parker made a motion to recommend the Appalachian Mountain Teen Project request in the amount of \$1,200. ter Kuile seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Parker made a motion to recommend CAP's request in the amount of \$12,000. ter Kuile seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Babson made a motion to increase the amount for Southern Carroll County Caregivers from \$1,500 to \$2,500. Goss seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Babson made a motion to reduce the amount for Carroll County Transit from \$3,000 to \$1,500. Goss seconded. Majority vote carried.

Parker made a motion to recommend the Freedom Food Pantry's request in the amount of \$8,000. ter Kuile seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Parker made a motion to recommend Kingswood Youth Group's request in the amount of \$3,000. ter Kuile seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

ter Kuile made a motion to recommend Life Bridge's request in the amount of \$5,000. Parker seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

ter Kuile made a motion to recommend LIFE Ministries' request in the amount of \$5,000. Parker seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

ter Kuile made a motion to recommend Main Street's request in the amount of \$9,500. Parker seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

ter Kuile made a motion to recommend Medication Bridge's request in the amount of \$2,000. Parker seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Parker made a motion to recommend Northern Human Services request in the amount of \$4,425. ter Kuile seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

ter Kuile made a motion to recommend OCC's request in the amount of \$18,000. Parker seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Parker made a motion to recommend OCC Daycare's request in the amount of \$6,000. ter Kuile seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Parker made a motion to recommend Ossipee Children's Fund request in the amount of \$17,500. ter Kuile seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

ter Kuile made a motion to recommend Ossipee Historical Society's request in the amount of \$4,000. Parker seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

ter Kuile made a motion to recommend Schools Out Program's request in the amount of \$10,000. McConarty seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

ter Kuile made a motion to recommend Starting Point's request in the amount of \$2,466. Parker seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Parker made a motion to recommend White Mountain Community Health's request in the amount of \$4,033. ter Kuile seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

ter Kuile made a motion to recommend Wolfeboro VNA's request in the amount of \$14,000. Parker seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

ter Kuile made a motion to recommend Emergency Management's budget in the amount of \$6,700. Parker seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

ter Kuile made a motion to recommend the General Assistance's budget in the amount of \$40,434. Parker seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Parker made a motion to recommend the Recreation Department's budget in the amount of \$156,735. ter Kuile seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Parker made a motion to recommend the Library budget in the amount of \$209,188. ter Kuile seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

ter Kuile made a motion to recommend the Patriotic Purpose budget in the amount of \$1,785. Parker seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Parker made a motion to recommend the Conservation Commission's budget in the amount of \$5,290. ter Kuile seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

ter Kuile made a motion to recommend the Interest on the Line of Credit budget in the amount of \$5,000. Parker seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Parker made a motion to approve the subtotal of all recommendations made in the amount of \$4,778,411. ter Kuile seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Discussion took place about the recommendations of the Water & Sewer Department's budgets.

Morgan made a motion to recommend the Water Department's budget in the amount of \$237,180. Parker seconded. Majority vote carried.

Morgan made a motion to recommend the Sewer Department's budget in the amount of \$210,979. Parker seconded. Majority vote carried.

Parker made a motion to approve the total of recommendations including Water & Sewer for a total of \$5,226,570. ter Kuile seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

ter Kuile made a motion to recommend the Warrant Article for road repair and improvements in the amount of \$250,000. Parker seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Parker made a motion to recommend the Warrant Article to add to the Highway Department's Equipment Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$30,000. ter Kuile seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

ter Kuile made a motion to recommend the Warrant Article for the purchase of a six-wheel plow truck in the amount of \$163,000. Parker seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Parker made a motion to recommend the Warrant Article for Town building improvements in the amount of \$25,000. ter Kuile seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

ter Kuile made a motion to recommend the Warrant Article for the payment of Ossipee Water System's bond payment in the amount of \$30,370. Parker seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

ter Kuile made a motion to recommend the Warrant Article for Town Recreation Department equipment, repairs and improvements in the amount of \$10,000. Parker seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to recommend the Warrant Article for the purchase of two police cruisers and equipment in the amount of \$70,500. ter Kuile seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

ter Kuile made a motion to recommend the Warrant Article to add to the Tax Collector/Town Clerk's Computer Expendable Trust Fund in the amount of \$1,000. Parker seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Parker made a motion to recommend the Warrant Article to add to the Capital Reserve Account for the Town Revaluation in 2015 in the amount of \$15,000. ter Kuile seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

ter Kuile made a motion to recommend the Warrant Article to add to the Benefit Pay Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$40,000. Parker seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

ter Kuile made a motion to recommend the Warrant Article to add to the Species Control Fund in the amount of \$12,000. Parker seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

ter Kuile made a motion to recommend the Warrant Article for the final payment of Phase II of the Whittier Covered Bridge project in the amount of \$80,000. Parker seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Parker made a motion to recommend the Warrant Article for the upgrading of computers and data-related wiring throughout the Town Hall in the amount of \$19,075. ter Kuile seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to recommend the Warrant Article for the cost item included in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town and AFSCME Local #534 in the amount of \$49,909. Parker seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to recommend the Warrant Article for the contracted ambulance service in the amount of \$562,822. Parker seconded. Majority vote carried.

Goss made a motion for a roll call vote on the total budget amount of \$6,585,246. Kondrat, Trahan, Parker, ter Kuile, McConarty, Babson and Morgan all voted in favor. Goss opposed. Majority vote carried.

Discussion took place on how the cost impact of the ambulance contract will be reduced if Effingham joins in.

Mellisa Seamans requested that a copy of the Fire Precinct's budgets and Warrant be posted on the Town's website.

Discussion took place about whether non-monetary petition articles could still be accepted. White stated that the deadline had passed.

Seamans asked if a motion could be made under other business at Town Meeting to investigate the possibility of the Selectmen taking back control of the Water & Sewer Department. Morgan stated that it would be a question for the Moderator.

Being no further input Parker made a motion to adjourn. ter Kuile seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Adjourned at 7:55 PM.