

OSSIPEE BUDGET COMMITTEE
PUBLIC HEARING
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 Public Hearing to open at 7:00 PM.

Attendance: – 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.

Other Attendees:

Sandra "Sam" Martin (Selectmen),
Maria Moulton, Library Director
Krystal Eldridge
Angela Rizzitano, Secretary
Craig Brady, Recreations Director
Joseph Deighan, Center Ossipee Fire Commissioner
Dana Cullen, Jr., Chief, Center Ossipee Fire & Rescue
Carl Huddleston, Chief, West Ossipee Fire & Rescue
Gregg Howard, West Ossipee Fire Commissioner

Goss informed the public he would read through each budget line item and if anyone had questions or concerns to speak up, otherwise he will continue to read through the budget.

DEPARTMENT BUDGET PROPOSALS:

Conservation Agent in the amount of \$4,306.00

Selectmen's Salary in the amount of \$19,920.00

Town Clerk/Tax Collector in the amount of \$330,425.00

Elections in the amount of \$19,120.00

Voter Registration in the amount of \$9,447.00

Treasurer in the amount of \$11,030.00

Selectmen's Office in the amount of \$804,225.00

Economic Development in the amount of \$5,000.00

Ossipee Lake Dam Authority in the amount of \$8,212.00

Legal in the amount of \$35,000.00

Planning Board in the amount of \$37,598.00

ZBA in the amount of \$18,949.00

Government Buildings in the amount of \$206,799.00

Trustee of Trust Funds in the amount of \$6,162.00

Cemeteries in the amount of \$39,100.00

Insurance in the amount of \$128,000.00

Police Department in the amount of \$1,255,696.00

Police Special Duty in the amount of \$25,000.00

Dog Officer in the amount of \$16,998.00

Fire Warden in the amount of \$21,995.00

Highway in the amount of \$1,349,050.00

Transfer Station in the amount of \$591,121.00

Goss proceeded to read each Outside Agency request for funding, as follows:

Outside Agencies

Tri County CAP (Energy Assistance Program) in the amount of \$12,000.00

Caregivers of S. Carr. Cnty. in the amount of \$3,000.00

Carroll County Transit in the amount of \$3,000.00

End 68 Hours of Hunger in the amount of \$5,000.00

Freedom Food Pantry in the amount of \$5,000.00

Kingswood Youth Center in the amount of \$5,000.00

LIFE Ministries in the amount of \$6,000.00

Ossipee Revitalization (Main St) in the amount of \$0.00

Northern Human Services in the amount of \$4,425.00

OCC - Elderly Nutrition in the amount of \$20,000.00

OCC Day Care in the amount of \$7,000.00

Ossipee Children's Fund in the amount of \$20,000.00

Ossipee Historical Society in the amount of \$4,000.00

School's Out Program in the amount of \$45,000.00

Starting Point in the amount of \$6,251.00

White Mountain Comm Health in the amount of \$4,002.00

Central NH VNA & Hospice in the amount of \$14,000.00

Children Unlimited in the amount of \$3,000.00

White Horse Addiction Center in the amount of \$5,000.00

TCCAP Homeless Intervention & Prevention in the amount of \$2,194.00

Ambulance (remainder of current contract) in the amount of \$66,735.00

Emergency Management in the amount of \$0.00

General Assistance in the amount of \$50,000.00

Recreation Department in the amount of \$163,100.00

Library in the amount of \$235,957.00

Patriotic Purposes in the amount of \$2,000.00

Long Term Debt Principle (no longer exist)

Conservation Commission in the amount of \$9,664.00

Interest on Line of Credit in the amount of \$10,000.00

Totals were calculated as follows:

Subtotal: **\$5,655,261.00**

Water Dept.: The 2020 proposed budget is \$244,269.00

Sewer Dept.: The 2020 proposed budget is \$173,872.00

Total including W&S: **\$6,073,402.00**

Goss read each Warrant Article requested as follows:

2020 WARRANT ARTICLES & BUDGET PROPOSALS:

Article #1 - 5 were not read.

Article 6# To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for the purpose of repair and improvements of Town roads. (Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required)

Article 7# To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required)

Article 8# 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 Government Buildings Improvements Expendable Trust Fund for the planning, construction and related expenses to improve Government facilities in the Town of Ossipee and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in said fund, and to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend. (Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required)

Article 9# To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Bridge Repair and/or Replacement Expendable Trust Fund previously established. (Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required)

Article 10# To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Solid Waste Improvements Expendable Trust Fund previously established. (Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required)

Article 11# To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-eight thousand five hundred eighty dollars (\$58,580) for the purpose of paying the Ossipee Water System's bond payment for one (1) year. (Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required)

Article 12# To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-seven thousand dollars (\$47,000) for the purpose of purchasing one new police cruiser and equipment. The full amount to come

from the Town's unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required)

Article 13# To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty three thousand nine hundred and seventy dollars (\$23,970.00) for the purpose of restoring four (4) books entitled "Town records Vol. 24 – Vol. 27, dated from 1989-1995"; one (1) book entitled "Appointments 1909-1945" and three (3) books entitled "Inventory 1870-1889". (Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required)

Article #14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Account previously established for the purpose of a complete revaluation of the Town in the year 2020. (Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required)

Article #15 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Invasive Species Control Expendable Trust Fund previously established for the purpose of preventing and treating milfoil in Ossipee Lake. (Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required)

Article #16 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the purpose of purchasing and installing new playground equipment at Constitution Park. (Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required)

Article #17 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of sixty-six thousand one hundred dollars (\$66,100) for the continued repairs and improvements to the Ossipee Concerned Citizens Building. (Note: \$44,420 from last year's similar article went unspent and is being returned to the general fund.) (Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required)

Article #18 To see if the Town will vote to purchase a baler for the Transfer Facility at the cost of seventy eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$78,500) with fifty nine thousand dollars (\$59,000) coming from the Solid Waste Improvements fund and the sum of nineteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$19,500) to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance. (Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required)

Article #19 To see if the Town will vote to purchase a loader for the highway department at a purchase price of one hundred sixty-one thousand eight hundred eighty-seven dollars (\$161,887), with this amount to be reduced by (\$20,000) received by trading in the old loader. Furthermore to vote to raise and appropriate one hundred forty one thousand eight hundred eighty seven dollars (\$141,887) for this purchase with funds in the amount of One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to come from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and the remainder of forty-one thousand eight hundred eighty-seven dollars (\$41,887) to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required)

Article #20 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate twenty-seven thousand dollars (\$27,000) for the purchase of tactical gear for the Police Department, with funding coming from the Unreserved Fund Balance and no sum to come from taxation. (Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required)

Article #21 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) for technology improvements including replacing obsolete computers and upgrading security for the network. (Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required)

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 7-0) (2/3 vote required).

Article #23 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine thousand five hundred dollars (\$9,500) for resurfacing and line painting of the tennis courts at Constitution Park. (Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required)

Article #24 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the two hundred eighty-two thousand, two hundred forty-nine dollars (\$282,249) to contract ambulance services for 9 months of this year not covered by the previous contract. (Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required)

Article #25 To see if the Town will vote to enter into a five year agreement (which may include an intergovernmental agreement under RSA Chapter 53-A) with one or more ambulance service providers and/or other regional municipalities such as but not necessarily limited to the Towns of Eaton, Effingham, Freedom, Madison and Tamworth, to provide emergency medical/ambulance services. (Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required)

Article #26 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty five thousand dollars (\$45,000) to replace the carpet in the Ossipee Public Library, which includes tearing up and disposal of old carpet, purchase and installation of new carpet tiles, and the expenses of moving contents to accommodate the project. (Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required)

Article #27 (Submitted by Petition) 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 the Selectmen 2-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required)

Article #28 To hear reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers thereof.

Question from the audience inquiring as to which road would be repaired with the \$300,000.00 in Article #6. She was informed it was not any specific road but for all roads.

<u>Adjusted Warrant Articles:</u>	<u>+\$1,233,786.00</u>
<u>Total including W/A:</u>	<u>\$7,307,188.00</u>
<u>Estimated Revenues:</u>	<u>-\$2,896,578.00</u>
<u>Total minus Est. Revenues</u>	<u>\$4,410,610.00</u>
<u>Estimated Overlay:</u>	<u>+\$75,000.00</u>
<u>Total Raised by Taxation:</u>	<u>\$4,485,610.00</u>

A question raised in the audience of how much was last years amount to be raised by taxation. Sawyer replied \$4,246,151.00 with the Overlay amount. This year's budget amount increased by approximately \$240,000.00.

Goss noted the three substantial increases are:

1. Full-time Employee for the Transfer Station
2. Highway Dept. New Loader
3. New Ambulance Contract

Point of Order from Smith, who clarified the “Amount in Surplus” it’s actually an “Unassigned Fund Balance.” It’s not money sitting in the bank. Goss noted, it’s money that’s tied up in unpaid taxes. Smith explained it’s the difference between the Towns assets and liabilities. It’s only on paper, it’s not in liquid form.

Goss moved on the Fire Precincts budgets.

Center Ossipee Fire Precinct

To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred, fifty-four thousand, three hundred and fifty dollars (\$454,350.00) for the General Operating Budget for the precinct.

Article # ?: To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) for the New Equipment and Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund.

Article # ??: To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for the purpose of purchasing a crew cab, 4-wheel drive pick-up truck.

Ossipee Corner Light Precinct

To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sums of:

<u>General Government:</u>	<u>\$62,457.00</u>
<u>Public Safety</u>	<u>\$267,500.00</u>
<u>Highway and Streets</u>	<u>\$3,200.00</u>
<u>Capital Outlay for Equipment</u>	<u>\$30,000.00</u>
<u>Subtotal:</u>	<u>\$363,157.00</u>

Capital Reserve Fund

Fire Apparatus Fund	\$95,000.00
Building Fund	\$30,000.00
New Equipment Fund	\$10,000.00
<u>CRF Total:</u>	<u>\$135,000.00</u>
<u>General Operating w/ CRF</u>	<u>\$498,157.00</u>

Plus 10% of Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions: \$49,816.00

Total 2020 Proposed Budget: **\$547,973.00**

West Ossipee Fire Precinct

To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sums of:

<u>General Government:</u>	<u>\$77,276.00</u>
<u>Public Safety</u>	<u>\$230,470.00</u>
<u>Highway and Streets</u>	<u>\$600.00</u>

<u>Debt Service-Bond Principle & Interest</u>	<u>\$59,369.00</u>
<u>Subtotal:</u>	<u>\$367,715.00</u>
<u>Capital Reserve Fund</u>	<u>+ \$20,000.00</u>
<u>Total Operating Budget & CRF</u>	<u>\$387,715.00</u>
<u>Total Revenues & Credits</u>	<u>- \$830.00</u>
<u>General Operating w/ CRF</u>	<u>\$386,885.00</u>
Plus 10% of Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions: \$38,772.00	
<u>Total 2020 Proposed Budget:</u>	<u>\$426,487.00</u>

General Discussion:

Goss noted the Budget Committee has a couple of positions open if anyone wants to serve.
Kathryn Mary Paris announced she has submitted her candidacy for the Budget Committee.

Upcoming Meetings:

Wed., 02/19/2020 – Annual Budget to Board of Selectmen deadline (2 copies)
Tues., 03/10/2020 - Town Elections (Voting Day) **Polls open: 10:00am - 7:00pm**
Wed., 03/11/2020 – Ossipee Annual Town Meeting at the Bud Avery Memorial Gymnasium **6:30 PM**

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 Eldridge to adjourn the meeting. Smith seconded. No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed.** The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Minutes approved by majority vote of the Board on – _____
Date

Joe Goss, Chairman
Budget Committee

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