

Selectmen's Work Session

Monday, November 6, 2023

The following meeting was held upstairs at Town Hall. Present were Selectmen Susan Simpson and Jonathan Smith. Martha Eldridge was absent. Town Administrator Matt Sawyer Jr was present and recorded the minutes. Public Works Director TJ Eldridge was present.

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM

Discussion:

Sawyer presented the 2024 Selectmen's Office budget sheet. He explained that there are 53 pay weeks to budget for and reminded the board that the Boards and Commissions Secretary's payroll has been moved exclusively into the Selectmen's Office for clarity and simplicity. Smith motioned to approve the Selectmen's Office budget of \$1,067,150. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0.

Sawyer presented the Police Department's 2024 budget sheet for 8 Officers plus the part time Prosecutor who is an Attorney by trade. Smith motioned to approve the Police Department's budget of \$1,396,200. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0.

Smith motioned to approve the Police Special Duty budget of \$25,000. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0.

Smith motioned to approve the Dog Officer budget of \$14,450. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0.

Smith motioned to approve the Primex Insurance budget of \$162,000. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0.

Smith motioned to approve the Ambulance budget of \$435,000 Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0.

Smith motioned to approve the Sewer Department's budget of \$244,250. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0.

Smith motioned to approve the Water Department's budget of \$240,780. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0.

There was a discussion about 2024 budgeted Warrant Articles. Smith re-read through the list:

#1: Government building repair improvements \$20,000.00

#2: Government building ETF \$20,000.00

#3: Paving \$450,00.00

#4: Highway Equipment CRF \$200,000.00

#5: Grader payment \$57,000.00

#6: Add to Invasive species ETF \$25,000.00

#7: Add to Bridger repair ETF \$25,000.00

#8: Add to Benefit pay ETF \$15,000.00

#9: Add to Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling ETF \$50,000.00

#10: Police vehicle/Equipment ETF \$65,000.00

#11: Recreation Department ETF \$10,000.00

#12: Schools out program \$45,000.00

#15: Library HVAC \$50,000.00

#16: Create Deer run trail ETF \$50,000.00

#17: Cemetery mower \$6,000.00

#18: Ratify Collective Bargaining Agreement \$97,000.00

Smith motioned to approve the articles as read. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0. Smith and Sawyer stepped away for a moment and returned. Smith motioned to change #9 Solid Waste to \$60,000 and #10 Police Vehicle to \$70,000 bringing the total to \$1.2 million. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0.

Revenues were discussed and Smith made a motion to project the same revenues for 2024 of \$3,082,332. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0.

The discussion turned to the Health/Outside Agencies budget sheet.

Smith motioned to approve the OCC Elderly Nutrition program for \$35,000. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0.

Smith motioned to approve the OCC Daycare program for \$7,000. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0.

Smith motioned to approve Granite VNA and Hospice for \$14,000. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0.

Smith motioned to approve Norther Human Services for \$4425. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0.

Smith motioned to approve Tri County CAP for \$9,891. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0.

Smith motioned to approve Life Ministries Food Pantry for \$6,000. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0.

Smith motioned to approve White Mountain Community Health for \$4,780. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0.

Smith motioned to approve Ossipee Childrens Fund for \$22,000. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0.

Smith motioned to approve Starting Point for \$9,987. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0.

Smith motioned to approve Ossipee Historical Society for \$4,000. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0.

Smith motioned to approve Kingswood Youth Center for \$5,000. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0.

Smith motioned to approve Caregivers of Southern Carroll County for \$2,500. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0.

Smith motioned to approve Freedom Food Pantry for \$6,000. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0.

Smith motioned to approve End 68 Hours of Hunger for \$7,000. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0.

Smith motioned to approve Children Unlimited for \$3,000. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0.

Smith motioned to approve Green Mountain Conservation Group for \$2,400. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0.

Smith motioned to deny the Wolfeboro Children's Center's request of \$5,000 citing budgetary constraints and that the Town already gives around 2.7% of its operating budget to other agencies. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0.

Sawyer asked if the Board of Selectmen wanted the Schools Out Program to do a Petition or if the Selectmen wanted to just put it on the warrant. Both Selectmen agreed that they should be able to easily raise 25 signatures.

TJ Eldridge presented an Operating Plan and Closure Plan for the Transfer Station along with a memo recommending that TJ be appointed as the person that can sign modifications of the plans in the future so they can be edited more easily with a "Permit by Notification." Smith motioned to appoint TJ Eldridge as the person authorized to sign the permit by notification for the Transfer Station to DES. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0.

Smith presented a Memo of Understanding from the Assessor, Todd Haywood specifying that Todd will perform field inspections as needed per the revaluation hearings, and will charge his normal hourly fee accordingly. Smith motioned to accept the MOU. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0. Smith indicated he initialed the page and Sawyer said he would get it back to Todd.

Smith motioned to approve the abatement of the taxes to the County for the old County Courthouse at Map 133 Lot 22. Simpson seconded the vote passed 2-0.

TJ discussed the DES inspection that occurred recently that led to the updated Operations Plan and Closure Plans. Smith motioned to approve the Transfer Station Operations and Closure Plans as presented to DES. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0.

There was a discussion regarding the recent graffiti on Annie Nichols Rd.

Smith motioned to recess until 4:15 PM in the gym.

Jonathan H. Smith, Chairman

Susan J. Simpson, Selectman

Martha B. Eldridge, Selectman