

Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

1/21/2016

Meeting called to order at 1835hrs. Present were Joe Goss (Chairman), Julie Rosiak (V.Chair), Kathleen Maloney, Jonathan Smith, Lynne Parker, Marie McConarty, Ellen White(Town Administrator) and Rick Morgan(Selectman Rep). Not present were Tom Kondrat.

Previous meeting minutes were reviewed and unanimously accepted.

The following warrant articles were discussed and voted upon:

Ossipee Corner Light and Power Precinct. Article 7, 8 and 9 all passed unanimously. Lynne Parker abstained.

Town of Ossipee: Article 3. Addition of Highway Garage in the amount of \$494,000.00. \$179,492.00 will be withdrawn from the Highway Building Capital Reserve Fund. \$320,508.00 would come from general taxation. Rick Morgan stated the money need to cover the \$320,508.00 would come from savings in the budget and a reallocation of funds from other areas in the budget. No new taxation needed. Budget Committee passed unanimously.

Article 4 through 12: Budget Committee passed unanimously.

Article 13: Invasive Species Control Fund. Adding \$3,000.00 to the fund. Kathleen Maloney was concerned about the use of chemical herbicide to control the Milfoil. Budget Committee passed with one no vote from Kathleen Maloney.

Article 14: Accept Donation. Accepting a donation from the Chickville Cemetery Assoc. consisting of three parcels of real estate(Chickville Meeting House and land plus the Chickville Cemetery). Budget Committee passed with one no vote from Kathleen Maloney.

Article 15: Establish Chickville Cemetery Maintenance ETF. To appropriate \$21,160.00 for the maintenance of the meeting house. If approved, the funds would be transferred from the Chickville Assoc. fund to the Town Of Ossipee ETF in the amount of \$21.160.00. Budget Committee passed with one no vote from Kathleen Maloney.

Article 16: Budget Committee passed unanimously.

Article 17: Abolish the Water and Sewer Commission effective Jan 1 2017. This would transfer control to the Ossipee Board of Selectmen. Joe Goss called a roll call vote. All voted yes to accept.

Ellen White presented a change approved by the selectmen to increase the cemetery budget by \$4000.00. This is an estimate of the cost for the maintenance if the Chickville cemetery is adopted by the town. Budget Committee passed with one no vote from Kathleen Maloney.

Ellen White presented a change approved by the selectmen for a reduction in the insurance cost to \$65,000.00. This is due to existing coverage through June 30. The monies would cover July 1 through the end of the year. : Budget Committee passed unanimously.

The total budget proposed for 2016 fiscal year is:

Budget amount of 5,491.775.00 plus warrant articles of \$982,090.00. Estimated revenues are \$2,687.001.00 of which \$50,000.00 is coming from the unassigned fund balance. Total taxation raised is \$3,786,864.00 (4,116.00 less than last year). Total bottom line budget is \$6,473.865.00. Budget Committee passed unanimously.

Next meeting (public hearing municipal budget) is Feb 3,2016 1830hrs at town hall.

Meeting adjourned at 1952hrs.

Jonathan Smith

Recording clerk