

## **Budget Review Meeting Thursday, January 2, 2020**

These minutes were recorded by Matt Sawyer Jr., Town Administrator. The meeting was held in the upstairs conference room at the Town Hall.

### **Call to Order:**

Selectman Martin called the meeting to order at 9:20 AM

### **Attendance by Roll Call:**

Present were Selectmen Sandra Martin, Martha Eldridge and Susan Simpson.

### **Meeting Minutes:**

The Board reviewed the budget worksheet for the Conservation Agent for 2020. Requested amount is \$4,306.00 and is based on approximately 3 hours per week at \$25/hour for the Timber Monitor. Martin made a motion to approve. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board reviewed the budget worksheet for the Board of Selectmen for 2020. Requested amount is level funded at \$19,920.00. Martin made a motion to approve. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board reviewed the budget worksheet for the Ossipee Lake Dam Authority for 2020. Requested amount is \$8,212.00 and is increased from last year due to snow removal. Simpson made a motion to approve. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board reviewed the budget worksheet for the Legal Expenses for 2020. Requested amount is level funded at \$35,000.00. Budget includes legal fees paid to the Town Attorney, DTC Lawyers representing the Town in the Fairpoint Communications Tax Appeal (2014-current )and in negotiations with Charter Communications (Spectrum Cable) for the cable franchise agreement. Martin made a motion to approve. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board reviewed the budget worksheet for Patriotic Purposes for 2020. Requested amount is level funded at \$2,000.00 for the replacement of military service grave markers and flags in Town Cemeteries. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board reviewed the budget worksheet for Cemeteries for 2020. Requested amount is level funded at \$39,310.00 Eldridge made a motion to approve. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board reviewed the budget worksheet for the Treasurer for 2020. Requested amount is level funded at \$11,030.00 Eldridge made a motion to approve. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board reviewed the budget worksheet for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector for 2020. Requested amount is \$330,425.00. Simpson made a motion to approve. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board reviewed the budget worksheet for Elections for 2020. Requested amount is for 4 Elections in 2020 at \$19,120.00. Simpson made a motion to approve. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board reviewed the budget worksheet for Registration for 2020. Requested amount is for 4 elections in 2020 at \$9,447.00 Martin made a motion to approve. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board reviewed the budget worksheet for the Recreation Department for 2020. Requested amount is for \$163,100.95. Martin made a motion to approve. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board reviewed the budget worksheet for Economic Development for 2020. Requested amount is \$5,000.00. The request has been tabled.

The Board reviewed the budget worksheet for Government Buildings for 2020. Requested amount is for \$201,397.00. Martin made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board reviewed the budget worksheet for the Highway Department for 2020. Requested amount is \$1,329,050.00. Martin made a motion to approve. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board reviewed the budget worksheet for the Transfer Station for 2020. Requested amount is \$591,921.00. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board reviewed the budget worksheet for the Selectmen's Office for 2020. Requested \$803,225.00. The request has been tabled.

The Board reviewed the budget worksheet for the Conservation Committee for 2020. Requested amount is \$13,664.00. Martin made a motion to reduce it to \$9,664.00. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board reviewed the budget worksheet for the Planning Board for 2020. Requested amount is \$37,598.00. Simpson made a motion to approve. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board reviewed the budget worksheet for the Zoning Board of Adjustment for 2020. Requested amount is \$18,949.00. Martin made a motion to approve. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board reviewed the budget worksheet for the Board of Selectmen for 2020. Requested amount is level funded at \$19,920.00 Martin made a motion to approve. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board reviewed the budget worksheet for the Trustees of the Trust Funds for 2020. Requested amount is reduced from last year to \$6,162.00. Simpson made a motion to approve. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board reviewed the budget worksheet for the Police Department for 2020. Requested amount is \$1,255,696.73. Martin made a motion to approve. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board reviewed the budget worksheet for the Dog Officer for 2020. Requested amount is level funded at \$16,998.00. Martin made a motion to approve. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board reviewed the budget worksheet for Outside Agencies for 2020. Total requested amount is \$191,872.00. Breakdown as follows.

1-Ossipee Concerned Citizens-Requested \$25,000.00. Selectmen put this on hold.

2-Central NH VNA- Requested \$14,000.00. Martin made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

3-Northern Human Services-Requested \$4,425.00. Simpson made a motion to approve. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

4-Tri-County Cap-Requested \$12,000.00. Martin made a motion to approve. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

5-Life Ministries Food Pantry-Requested \$6,000.00. Martin made a motion to approve. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

6-White Mountain Community Health- Requested \$4,002.00. Martin made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

7-Ossipee Children's Fund- Requested \$20,000.00. Martin made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

8-Starting Point- Requested \$6,251.00. Martin made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

9-School's Out- Requested \$45,000.00. Martin made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

10-Ossipee Historical Society- Requested \$4,000.00. Simpson made a motion to approve. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

11-Occ Day Care- Requested \$20,000.00. The request is on hold.

12-Kingswood Youth Center- Requested \$5,000.00. Martin made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

13-Tri County Cap Transit- Requested \$3,000.00. Martin made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

14-Caregivers of Southern CC- Requested \$3,000.00. Martin made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

15-Freedom Food Pantry- Requested \$5,000.00. Martin made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

16-End 68 Hours of hunger- Requested \$5,000.00. Martin made a motion to approve. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

17-Tyler Blain House- Requested \$2,194.00. Martin made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

18-Children's Unlimited Fund- Requested \$3,000.00. Martin made a motion to approve. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

19-White Horse Addiction-Requested \$5,000.00. Martin made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

20-Green Mountain Conservation- Requested \$2,000.00. Martin made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board reviewed the budget worksheet for Interest on Line of Credit for 2020. Total requested amount is level funded at \$10,000.00. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board reviewed the budget worksheet for Insurance for 2020. Rates will not be determined until after the budget has been reviewed by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee. The figures were adjusted to more accurately show actual expenditures of the various insurances. It was calculated just below 3% based on trends. Total requested amount is \$128,000.00. Martin made a motion to approve. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board reviewed the budget worksheet for the Library for 2020. Total requested amount is at \$235,957.39. Martin made a motion to approve. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board reviewed the budget worksheet for the Fire Warden for 2020. Total requested amount is level funded at \$21,955.00. Eldridge made a motion to approve. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board reviewed the budget worksheet for Ambulance for 2020. Total requested amount is to fulfill the existing ambulance contract due to expire 3/31/2020. Additional money will be raised in the warrant article that ratifies the new ambulance contract. The requested amount is at \$66,735.00. Martin made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board reviewed the budget worksheet for Water/Sewer for 2020. Total requested amount for Water is \$244,269.40. Martin made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Total requested amount for Sewer is \$173,872.10. Martin made a motion to approve. Simpson seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

**Adjournment:**

Being no further input, Eldridge made a motion to adjourn. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Adjourned at 11:20 AM.

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Sandra P. Martin, Chairman

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Martha B. Eldridge

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Susan J. Simpson

To be approved 01/06/2020