

Budget Committee Minutes #712
Tuesday, November 10, 2020

Present: Lindsey Blake; Mike Bomba; Ken Howe; Karen Johnson; Dennis Nadeau; Bill Nebelski; Lisa Prince; Smokey Smith; Peter Zavorotny; and Selectmen Rep Steve Diorio.

Excused: School Rep Holly Kennedy.

6:15 p.m. Meeting called to order.

The following members participated via ZOOM – Chairman Dennis Nadeau; Lindsey Blake; Smokey Smith; Peter Zavorotny.

Minutes for meeting #710 & #711 needed approval by the committee. Discussion took place regarding copies of the minutes. Nebelski made a **motion to table to minutes**, second by Bomba. Motion passes unanimously.

The committee revisited the tentative budget schedule. Discussion took place regarding joint meetings with the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee.

The committee will begin reviewing the budgets tonight and asking questions. The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 18th at 6:00 p.m. The board will have the Police Dept budget at that time. Joint meetings with the Selectmen and Department Heads will be November 30th and December 7th. Meetings may be taken place via zoom.

The following budgets were discussed:

Executive – Budgets included a COLA/Merit combination of 2.5%. The increase in health insurance was explained as a PT employee now working FT.

Election – It was noted an error was made in calculating NHRS, the amount should be \$4,729 bringing the bottom line to \$346,565.

Financial – Discussion took place regarding the Tax Collector and the number of hours the collector actually works. The committee requested the if the Board of Selectmen can speak with the Tax Collector.

Planning Board – Discussion in regard to Salary. It was explained that the Wage Worksheet did not include the 2.5% COLA/Merit. Postage included the bi-annual mailing of the newsletter.

Government Building – It was noted that an adjustment needs to be made in Historical Society Heating Line.

Cemetery & Parks – Discussion took place in regard to Salaries and Maintenance & Repairs. TA Collins indicated questions should be directed to the Department Head.

Police Department – Budgets should be available Monday.

Fire Department – The Budget Committee would like to see a breakdown for the Salary Request.

Emergency Management – A question whether training salaries should be reduced.

Highway Department – The Budget Committee would like to see the Salary Worksheet breakdown.

Municipal Pool – Account #01-4589.50-XXX is missing.

Rubbish Removal – Discussion took place on the new contract which is approximately \$40,000 more than the prior year and tipping fees for disposal.

Other budgets reviewed – Water Dept. and Sewer Dept. It was noted, the Department Heads should discuss their budgets with the boards.

Steve Diorio informed the committee regarding the new tax rate.

The possibility of having alternates was discussed. This discussion will be taken up at another time.

8:35 p.m. Nebelski made **a motion to adjourn**, second by Prince. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Collins
Town Administrator