

Budget Committee Meeting #717

Monday, January 18, 2021

Present: Lindsey Blake; Mike Bomba; Ken Howe; Bill Nebelski; Karen Johnson; Dennis Nadeau; Lisa Prince; Edwin Smith; Peter Zavorotny; Steve Diorio, Selectmen Rep; Holly Kennedy, School Board Rep.

Participants via zoom: Lindsey Blake; Holly Kennedy; Edwin Smith & Peter Zavorotny

6:18 p.m. Call to Order

Nebelski made a **motion to approve the minutes #713 - #715**, second by Howe. Motion passes unanimously. It was noted that some members do not have minutes #716. Collins will forward them.

There was a discussion on the warrant articles with the Board of Selectmen. There will be no vote this evening.

The committee reviewed the agency requests. Nebelski made a **motion to tentatively approve the health agency budget in the amount of \$53,760**, second by Prince. Motion passes, Kennedy & Blake abstained.

The committee reviewed the draft public hearing handout.

Warrant Articles Discussed:

Article #11 and Article #13 – discussion took place whether to purchase or lease. It was pointed out that Article #11 should have the wording included to have the sum come from the year-end unassigned fund balance. Collins will add the wording. Different scenarios will be presented to the Selectmen on Monday evening for review and approval.

Article #14 - \$15,000 for an expendable trust fund for rail trail improvements. A joint application between Hinsdale & Winchester will be submitted to the Norther Borders Grant in May. There is a grant match requirement. Both Hinsdale and Winchester will be raising \$30,000.

Article #10 - \$60,000 for purchasing radios for the fire department. A breakdown of the number of radios and cost was requested.

A request was made for expendable trust balances for the Fire Station and various town buildings.

Article #18 – upgrading the Pine Grove Cemetery Drive in the amount of \$9,625. Frank Podlenski prepared the estimate and this is the cost for materials for the job to be performed by the Highway Dept.

Discussion took place regarding the next meeting. A meeting will be held jointly with the School Board on January 20, 2021 at the SAU conference room starting at 6:00 p.m. Zoom information has been sent. The Budget Committee will meet next Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at the Town Hall starting at 6:00 p.m. Zoom information will be sent. There will be a joint meeting with the School Board on Monday, February 1, 2021 at the SAU conference room starting at 6:00 p.m. Public Hearing on the Budget will be held on the Town Hall on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with an additional date of Thursday, February 4, 2021 if needed.

7:37 p.m. Nebelski made a **motion to adjourn**, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Collins

Town Administrator