

Budget Committee Meeting #718
Wednesday, January 27, 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

6:00 p.m. Call to Order

The following articles were discussed:

Article 6 – General Operating Budget in the amount of \$4,631,776. Diorio made a **motion to tentatively approve**, second by Nebelski. The vote was as follows 8-1. Motion passes.

Article 7 – Water Department in the amount of \$540,810. Nebelski made a **motion to tentatively approve**, second by Prince. The vote was as follows 9-0. Motion passes unanimously.

Article 8 – Sewer Department in the amount of \$412,675. Nebelski made a **motion to tentatively approve**, second by Prince. The vote was as follows 9-0. Motion passes unanimously.

Article 9 – School Street Improvements in the amount of \$992,800 of which \$794,240 will be provided by Transportation Alternative Funds; \$50,000 from Expendable Trust Funds; and \$148,560 from bonds or notes. Nebelski made a **motion to tentatively approve**, second by Prince. The vote was as follows 9-0. Motion passes unanimously. Because this is a bond article, this article will be moved to the Article 6.

Article 10 – Four year lease for \$88,000 for leasing two Durango Utility Police Vehicles and to raise \$23,950 for the first year's lease payment. Diorio made a **motion to tentatively approve**, second by Prince. The vote was as follows 7-1, 1 abstain. Motion passes.

Article 11 – Updating Radios for the fire department in the amount of \$60,000. Diorio made a **motion to tentatively approve**, second by Prince. The vote was as follows 8-1. Motion passes.

Article 12 – Expendable Trust for a Rail to Trail Project in the amount of \$15,000. Nebelski made a **motion to tentatively approve**, second by Prince. The vote was as follows 1 yes – 7 no, 1 abstain. Motion fails.

Article 13 – Town Hall Improvement Fund - \$10,000. Nebelski made a **motion to tentatively approve**, second by Howe. The vote was as follows 9-0. Motion passes unanimously.

Article 14 – Community Center Building Improvement Fund - \$10,000. Nebelski made a **motion to tentatively approve**, second by Howe. The vote was as follows 9-0. Motion passes unanimously.

Article 15 – Hinsdale Historical Society - \$10,000. Prince made a **motion to tentatively approve**, second by Nebelski. The vote was as follows 9-0. Motion passes unanimously.

Article 16 – Upgrade Driveway at Pine Grove Cemetery - \$9,625. Howe made a **motion to tentatively approve**, second by Prince. The vote was as follows 9-0. Motion passes unanimously.

Article 17 – Commercial Lawn Mower to be used by the Cemetery Dept - \$7,000. Nebelski made a **motion to tentatively approve**, second by Prince. The vote was as follows 9-0. Motion passes unanimously.

Howe made a **motion to approve the minutes #716 - #717**, second by Nebelski. Motion passes unanimously.

Discussion regarding concern over the school revenue prediction took place.

Next meeting will be at the Sau on February 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

7:32 p.m. Nebelski made a **motion to adjourn**, second by Howe. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Collins

Town Administrator