

Budget Committee Meeting Minutes #726
Joint Meeting with Selectmen
Monday, December 20, 2021

Present: Lindsey Blake; Mike Bomba; Alex Duso; Bill Hodgman; Ken Howe; Karen Johnson; Dennis Nadeau; Janice Nichols; April Anderson, School Board Reps; Steve Diorio, Selectmen Board Rep.
Excused: Bill Nebelski

Selectmen: Mike Carrier; Steve Diorio; Richard Johnson; Bernie Rideout.

6:36 Chairman Nadeau called the meeting to order.

Executive: Howe made a **motion to tentatively approve** the Executive budget in the amount of \$210,775, second by Bomba. Motion passes unanimously.

Election: Howe made a **motion to tentatively approve** the Election budget in the amount of \$367,699, second by Bomba. Motion passes unanimously.

Financial Administration: Tax Collector and Deputy Tax Collector Salaries were discussed. Tax Collector salary was reduced to \$24,147 and the Deputy Tax Collector salary was increased to \$6,007. Total budget decrease by \$564.00. Howe made a **motion to tentatively approve** the Financial Administration budget in the amount of \$134,068, second by Bomba. Motion passes unanimously.

Assessing: Assessing Services line item was reduced to \$500. Total budget decreased by \$5,680. Duso made a **motion to tentatively approve** the Assessing budget in the amount of \$45,202, second by Howe. Motion passes unanimously.

Legal: Duso made a **motion to tentatively approve** the Legal budget in the amount of \$53,000, second by Bomba. Vote was as follows: 8 yes; 2 abstained. Motion passes.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Zavorotny was present to answer questions. Howe made a **motion to tentatively approve** the Fire budget in the amount of \$267,280, second by Duso. Vote was as follows: 9 yes; 1 abstained. Motion passes.

Planning Board: Salary line item was questioned if it was correct. TA Collins will look into it. Howe made a **motion to table it**, second by Duso. Motion passes unanimously.

Government Buildings: Duso made a **motion to tentatively approve** the Government Buildings budget in the amount of \$64,555, second by Howe. Motion passes unanimously.

Parks: Howe made a **motion to tentatively approve** the Parks budget in the amount of \$38,621, second by Hodgman. Motion passes unanimously.

Cemetery: Bomba made a **motion to tentatively approve** the Cemetery budget in the amount of \$21,242, second by Duso. Motion passes unanimously.

Insurance: Hodgman made a **motion to tentatively approve** the Insurance budget in the amount of \$40,000, second by Howe. Motion passes unanimously.

Police Department: Duso made a **motion to tentatively approve** the Police Department budget in the amount of \$1,455,858, second by Anderson. Motion passes unanimously.

Rescue: Howe made a **motion to tentatively approve** the Rescue budget in the amount of \$147,338, second by Bomba. Motion passes unanimously.

Building Inspector: Howe made a **motion to tentatively approve** the Building Inspector budget in the amount of \$52,037, second by Duso. Motion passes unanimously.

Emergency Management: Hodgman made a **motion to tentatively approve** the Emergency Management budget in the amount of \$10,132, second by Howe. Motion passes unanimously.

Highway Department: Hodgman made a **motion to tentatively approve** the Highway Department budget in the amount of \$667,199, second by Bomba. Motion passes unanimously.

Street Lights : Howe made a **motion to tentatively approve** the Street Lights budget in the amount of \$25,000, second by Bomba. Motion passes unanimously.

Transit: Blake made a **motion to tentatively approve** the Transit budget in the amount of \$15,500, second by Bomba. Motion passes unanimously.

Rubbish Removal: Blake made a **motion to tentatively approve** the Rubbish Removal budget in the amount of \$312,332, second by Bomba. Motion passes unanimously.

Transfer Station: Howe made a **motion to tentatively approve** the Election budget in the amount of \$80,363, second by Blake. Motion passes unanimously.

Health Officer: Johnson made a motion to add \$1 to Miscellaneous Expense and take a \$1 from Workers' Compensation, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously. Howe made a **motion to tentatively approve** the Health Officer budget in the amount of \$1,119, second by Bomba. Motion passes unanimously.

Welfare: Hodgman made a **motion to tentatively approve** the Welfare budget in the amount of \$49,892, second by Howe. Motion passes unanimously.

Library: Blake made a **motion to tentatively approve** the Library budget in the amount of \$52,649, second by Howe. Motion passes unanimously.

Patriotic: Blake made a **motion to tentatively approve** the Patriotic budget in the amount of \$2,500, second by Duso. Motion passes unanimously.

Summer Program: Blake made a **motion to tentatively approve** the Summer Program budget in the amount of \$59,643, second by Howe. The vote was as follows: 9 yes and 1 no. Motion passes.

Municipal Pool: Duso made a **motion to tentatively approve** the Municipal Pool budget in the amount of \$40,307, second by Blake. The vote was as follows: 9 yes and 1 no. Motion passes.

Community Events: Blake made a **motion to tentatively approve** the Community Events budget in the amount of \$10,705, second by Howe. The vote was as follows: 9 yes and 1 no. Motion passes.

Community Center: Anderson made a **motion to tentatively approve** the Community Center budget in the amount of \$93,487, second by Blake. The vote was as follows: 9 yes and 1 no. Motion passes.

Conservation: Blake made a **motion to tentatively approve** the Conservation budget in the amount of \$500, second by Anderson. Motion passes unanimously.

Debt Service: Blake made a **motion to tentatively approve** the Debt Service budget in the amount of \$100,954, second by Howe. Motion passes unanimously.

Capital Outlay: Howe made a **motion to tentatively approve** the Capital Outlay budget in the amount of \$39,162, second by Blake. Motion passes unanimously.

Water Department: Anderson made a **motion to tentatively approve** the Water Department budget in the amount of \$551,666, second by Howe. Motion passes unanimously.

Wastewater Treatment Plant: Duso made a **motion to tentatively approve** the Wastewater Treatment Plant budget in the amount of \$412,933, second by Bomba. Motion passes unanimously.

Diorio made a **motion to approve minutes #722**, second by Blake. Motion passes unanimously.

Discussion took place on amendments for minutes #723 & #724. Diorio made a **motion to approve minutes #723 & #724 as amended**, second by Howe. Motion passes unanimously.

Howe made a **motion to approve minutes #725**, second by Blake. Motion passes unanimously.

8:19 p.m. Howe made a **motion to adjourn**, second by Blake. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Collins, Town Administrator