

## -Budget Committee

Meeting # 691

Meeting Date: Monday, November 19, 2018

Present: Megan Kondrat, Lindsey Blake, Karen Johnson, James MacDonell, William Nebelski (About 6:15), Edwin Smith, Peter Zavorotny, Sean Leary (School Board Rep), and Steve Diorio (Selectman Rep).

Excused: Joseph Conroy,

6:15 p.m. Mr. Zavorotny called the meeting to order.

Then work to replace Mr. Major continued. Two citizens have displayed interest and attended the meeting. Lisa Prince and Jennifer Leonard. The committee asked several questions relative to their interest and expertise. Both are qualified and show genuine interest in serving. After the question and answer session the two candidates left the room. Mr. Zavorotny asked for a show of hands. Ms. Prince receive five votes and Ms. Leonard four (Mr. Nebelski arrived after the vote). The committee then assured both that the choice was a difficult one and the final selection was based upon Ms. Prince showing an interest since beginning at the last town meeting. The committee encouraged Ms. Leonard to stay interested in town government. She was very positive and assured the committee that she would stay interested.

The committee then moved to the PD for further budget review with the selectmen.

Rick Carrier, Budget Finance Coordinator spoke in regard with ideas for revenue increases by increasing user fees. Carrier mentioned the use of FEMA Assistance Program to offset costs to the Fire Department.

**Planning Budget** – The Selectmen revisited the Planning Budget and reduced the budget to \$114,297 by reducing the Part-time Salary line and overtime line to \$0.00. Smith made a motion to tentatively approve the budget, second by Nebelski. Motion passes unanimously.

**Water Dept. Budget** – Supt. Dennis Nadeau was present. Discussion took place regarding Salaries, Increase to Health Insurance; Training; and Insurance. It was noted that Job Works has a corresponding income line. MacDonell made a motion of tentatively approve the budget in the amount of \$586,863, second by Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

**Parks & Cemetery Budget** - MacDonell made a motion to tentatively approve the budget in the amount of \$61,315, second by Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

**Highway Budget** – Supt. Frank Podlenski was present. The overtime line item was reduced to \$23,160 by the Board of Selectmen. There are plans to pave all of Plain Rd; Oxbow Rd; and finish paving Monument Rd. MacDonell made a motion to tentatively approve the budget in the amount of \$654,454, second by Blake. Motion passes unanimously.

**Transfer Station** – There was a question regarding the cost of the free dump day and Podlenski responded that the cost was approximately \$4,200. Nebelski made a motion to tentatively approve the budget in the amount of \$68,816, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

**Police Dept** – Chief Faulkner was present. Discussion took place on the following: Overtime; Part-time; Health Insurance and the Incentive Program. Kondrat made a motion to reduce special detail to \$10,000, second by Nebelski. Motion passes unanimously.

MacDonell made a motion to tentatively approve the budget in the amount of \$1,428,112, second by Nebelski. Motion passes unanimously.

**Summer Program** – Matt Palmer, Program Director was present. Enrollment, camper to counselor ration, and the length of summer camp were all discussed. Kondrat made a motion to remove the COLA from the budget, second by Nebelski. Motion passes unanimously.

MacDonell made a motion to table the budget, second by Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

**Municipal Pool** – Discussion on the number of lifeguards, salary, basketball hoop, and point of sale software actual need to place. The Selectmen removed \$900 for the basketball hoop. Budget is at \$50,282. Blake made a motion to remove the COLA from the budget, second by Leary. Motion passes unanimously.

Kondrat made a motion to table the budget pending information from Palmer, second by Nebelski. Motion passes unanimously.

**Community Events** – Tabled by the Selectmen.

**Hinsdale Community Center** – Discussion included the budget was down \$4,000. Advertising was discussed. MacDonell made a motion to tentatively approve the budget in the amount of \$83,407, second by Blake. Motion passes unanimously.

Chairman Zavorotny state the next meeting is on Monday, November 26, 2018 at the PD. The public hearing for the budget will be held on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 with a snow date of Thursday, February 7, 2019.

Chairman Zavorotny would like to schedule a revenue workshop.

Kondrat made a statement regarding the tax rate and the necessity of the Budget Committee to be diligent in reviewing the budget.

9:03 MacDonell made a motion to adjourn, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.