

-Budget Committee

Meeting # 692

Meeting Date: Monday, November 26, 2018

Present: Lindsey Blake, Joseph Conroy, Karen Johnson, Megan Kondrat, James MacDonell, William Nebelski, Lisa Prince, Edwin Smith, Peter Zavorotny, Kaylah Hemlow (School Board Rep), and Steve Diorio (Selectman Rep).

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

Zavorotny address the Budget Committee in regards to their responsibility. He noted the Committee's responsibility is the bottom line of the budget and the Committee should not get involved with management activities, that is the responsibility of the Selectmen. Questions can be asked during the joint meeting so there is understanding.

Zavorotny addressed his concern with emailing members of the board and stated that can be considered an illegal meeting, especially when the "Reply to All" button is used. Any questions should be filtered to him as the Chairman.

Chairman Darcy of the Select Board reiterated the importance of not emailing among the members. Darcy also made mention that a subcommittee will be formed which will be made up of two selectmen; dept heads; and employees at large to review the Health Benefits over the next year. Currently the 2019 Health Benefits is under contract.

Executive Budget – Diorio made a motion to tentatively approve the budget in the amount of \$179,163, second by Smith. The vote was as follows: 6 yes; Hemlow; Kondrat; & Prince abstained. Motion passes.

Government Buildings –MacDonell made a motion of tentatively approve the budget in the amount of \$68,222, second by Nebelski. Motion passes unanimously.

Rescue - MacDonell made a motion to tentatively approve the budget in the amount of \$141,891, second by Conroy. Motion passes unanimously.

Building Inspector –Nebelski made a motion to tentatively approve the budget in the amount of \$45,444, second by MacDonell. Motion passes unanimously.

Emergency Management – MacDonell made a motion to tentatively approve the budget in the amount of \$12,398, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

Street Lights – MacDonell made a motion to tentatively approve the budget in the amount of \$28,000, second by Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

Transit – Conroy made a motion to tentatively approve the budget in the amount of \$15,500, second by Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

Rubbish Removal – Conroy made a motion to tentatively approve the budget in the amount of \$255,000, second by Blake. Motion passes unanimously.

Health Officer – Smokey made a motion to tentatively approve the budget in the amount of \$1,143, second by MacDonell. Motion passes unanimously.

Health Agency – MacDonell made a motion to tentatively approve the budget in the amount of \$52,003, second by Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

Welfare – Blake made a motion to tentatively approve the budget in the amount of \$68,557, second by Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

Library – Discussion began regarding the addition of an employee. It was stated for safety reason and to keep the library open during dinner, the trustees feel an additional employee is necessary.

MacDonell made a motion to tentatively approve the budget in the amount of \$52,887, second by Blake. The vote was as follows: 3 - yes/6 - no. Motion fails.

Discussion began on the periodical line item. Nebelski made a motion to reduce the periodical line item to \$6,000, second by Kondrat. The vote was as follows: 8 - yes/1 - no. Motion passes.

Nebelski made a motion to tentatively approve the library budget in the amount of \$51,887, second by Blake. The vote was as follows: 7 - yes/2 - no. Motion passes.

Patriotic Purposes – Nebelski made a tentatively motion to approve the budget in the amount of \$1,750, second by Prince. Motion passes unanimously.

Conservation Commission – Discussion took place regarding current use funds. MacDonell made a motion to tentatively approve the budget in the amount of \$500, second by Nebelski. Motion passes unanimously.

CDBG (Econ. Dev) – Discussion took place regarding the funding of the Beautification Committee for plantings in the downtown area. Kondrat made a motion to reduce the budget for the Beautification Committee to \$0, second by Blake. The vote to reduce was as follows: 5 - yes/4 - no. Motion passes.

Nebelski made a motion to tentatively approve the budget in the amount of \$520.00, second by Conroy. The vote was as follows: 6 - yes/2 - no/1 - abstention. Motion passes.

Debt Service – MacDonell made a motion to tentatively approve the budget in the amount of \$127,665, second by Nebelski. Motion passes unanimously.

8:12 pm Nebelski made a motion to adjourn, second by Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Collins, Town Administrator