

BUDGET COMMITTEE

JANUARY 29, 2018

MEMORIAL BUILDING

7:00 P.M.

The following are to be considered draft minutes only until approved by the Board.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and the roll was called.

Budget Committee: Ken Jacques, Chariman; Justin Hastings, Tamara Butcher, Bryan O'Day, Jeff Milne, Brian Putney, Tim Cook. B. Manning and Darrin Patten were absent.

Dick Hendl was also present.

Minutes of January 15, 2018: Motion by Jeff to approve as written, seconded and unanimously approved.

Ken started the meeting off by suggesting a review of the changes that transpired at the Selectman's meeting. Ken asked if everyone has the changes proposed by the Selectman. Tamara stated that the changes could be found in the Selectman's minutes. Ken and the rest of the board verified all the Selectman's changes are there. Line 4130-155, Emergency Meals, has an increase of \$300. Then 4220-127 was increased by \$1500, which had to do with damaged personal items while on duty. Line 4290-103, Code Red Reverse 911, has gone to \$1. Pete's budget was reduced by \$20,000, which will be placed in the Fund Balance which was discussed at a previous meeting.

Tamara stated that Peter Abair was supposed to be at the meeting. As a reminder Ken talked about how the budget committee has asked Peter to be at tonight's meeting with more specific numbers. Tamara stated that the Selectman added the \$50,000 because it sounded like the selectboard agreed with the budget committee's reasons for adding the funds. And it was added with the stipulation that Peter would be at tonight's meeting with numbers. Ken believes at the last meeting there had been a conversation about leaving that money out and possibly putting the \$43,000 for the excavation work in to the highway budget. Which can be found on page two of the minutes from January 15, 2018. Without concrete numbers on the highway for paving, this could effectively put you at \$120,000. You don't know without the numbers. Ken feels the fund balance could be utilized for the chipper and for the roof on the town hall. And if we chose not to add the monies in to the paving part of it, you could put the \$43,000 in to Peter's budget as it sits now and you would be down \$7,000 roughly. It gives a little more flexibility. Peter's estimate is that the cost may be higher, but until this goes out to bid you just don't know. This is something that needs to be discussed.

Ken is hesitant to bring the paving line up over \$80,000. And feels there are some items coming up over the next couple of years that could level things out themselves. Tamara has been asked if she could get numbers from Peter before the next meeting even if Peter doesn't show up. Changes can be made at the hearing, but cannot be made after the hearing is closed.

Bryan believes that Peter said Nichols Hill was not ready for paving. The consensus is that Nichols Hill is pretty bad. He is not trying to take Peter's job and tell him what needs to be done, but feels it wouldn't be a bad idea to do some culverts, rip up some of the road for a year or so before you put the covering on it. A couple of years' worth of work could be beneficial. Tim added that it's not a high traffic road.

Ken asked about the roof work. There were two bids and totally opposite of each other. Dick stated that one bid came in at \$38,560 and the other was \$14,500. There was no detail as to what the \$14k covered in the minutes. Dick said that there wasn't much detail in the proposal. The only specific they had was that they wanted to use another brand of shingle they thought was a superior product. No contract has been signed as of yet. The second bid came in very close to what the town's estimate for the work was, which around was about \$35k. The selectboard felt the bid was very professionally done, and the contractor was at the meeting.

Ken went through the proposed warrant articles. Janet previously said that she would need figure out the wording with the DRA for the SCBA's. In speaking with Kevin and Peter it seems as though no down payment would be required on the equipment. Asked if anyone would have an issue trying to do this warrant article and financing it through the bank. Unanimously answered no. It was asked if Janet could update the projected fund balance. Dick shared that his notes show the unreserved fund balance would be reduced from \$541k to \$436k.

The master plan update was discussed. So far we know that is would be \$5k to do the survey and the first chapter, land use chapter, was \$5k, which could end up resulting in a very expensive master plan. Tamara mentioned that it hasn't been decided what the planning board wants to do with this. This will be a topic of discussion for Steve. Ken asked if there were any numbers from Pierre in regards to the design and engineering cost might be for the perched beach; the cost is believed to be about \$5k.

Ken added that the selectboard has done a great job getting the budget to this point. Tamara was asked to get numbers from Peter Abair before the next meeting so the committee has time to review them.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Submitted by,

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