Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

12-1 6-20

Attending:

Donna Duclos

Mary Levesque

Todd Goings

Jim Hanson

Jim Hersey

Carla Levesque Recording Secretary

Called to order at 6pm.

Jim Hanson read the right to know checklist.

Old Business:

Jim Hanson took up information requested about the purchase of a fire car from 12-09-20. The Fire Department Budget is not under the Budget Committee’s jurisdiction and is presented as a courtesy only. No vote needed.

The Water District- Mike Vercellotti presenting. The water district budget is down by $8,000.00. Water District Budget is not under the Budget Committee’s jurisdiction and is presented as a courtesy only. No vote needed.

The Highway Department – Todd Goings presenting. In March 2020 the select board appointed Jon Champagne as Road Agent. The town has purchased a fully equipped pick up and a mower. The town has been renting a backhoe. The town is paying a monthly fee now but 80% will go the purchase of the backhoe. A warrant article to purchase the backhoe needs to be passed but if it fails then the expense for renting the backhoe will go up because the town needs to have a backhoe. Unspent funds from 2020 have been encumbered. The line item for labor covers only wages and not benefits. Donna Duclos said the Highway Department and Select Board had done a great job to bring expenses down. Jim Hersey said that this is the direction we want to go. The Highway Department has been out of control for years.

Donna Duclos moved to accept the Highway Department unchanged. Mary Anne Levesque second.

Roll call vote as follows:

Mary Anne Levesque Aye

Todd Goings Aye

Donna Duclos Aye

Jim Hersey Aye

Jim Hanson Aye

Motion carried.

EMT – Jon Kenny presenting.

Emergency Services is requesting level funding from last year 2020. Emergency services is not expecting to hire in 2021 as they are fully staffed.

Donna Duclos moved to accept the EMT budget without changes. Mary Levesque seconded. Roll call vote as follows:

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Mary Anne Levesque Aye

Todd Goings Aye

Donna Duclos Aye

Jim Hersey Aye

Jim Hanson Aye

Motion carried.

Roll call vote as follows:

Mary Anne Levesque Aye

Molly Morgan Aye

Todd Goings Aye

Donna Duclos Aye

Jim Hersey Aye

Adam Jones Abstain

Jim Hanson Aye

Motion carried.

Donna Duclos raised a concern about a conflict of interest that may arise due to her position on the Planning Board. She asked if she should not vote on questions concerning the Planning Board. Jim Hanson said he did not have an objection to Donna Duclos voting and put the question to the members of the Budget Committee.

Roll call vote as follows:

Mary Anne Levesque Aye

Todd Goings Aye

Donna Duclos Aye

Jim Hersey Aye

Jim Hanson Aye

Motion carried.

Donna Duclos moved to accept the minutes of the 12-09-20 meeting. Mary Levesque seconded.

Roll call vote as follows:

Mary Anne Levesque Aye

Todd Goings Aye

Donna Duclos Aye

Jim Hersey Aye

Jim Hanson Aye

Motion carried.

The upcoming holiday and meeting schedule was discussed.

Jim Hersey moved to adjourn. Todd goings seconded.

Roll call vote as follows:

Mary Anne Levesque Aye

Todd Goings Aye

Donna Duclos Aye

Jim Hersey Aye

Jim Hanson Aye

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Carla Levesque Recording Secretary