

**BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**JOINT MEETING WITH THE TOWN OF WOODSTOCK**  
**January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**Lincoln Town Hall, Lincoln, NH**  
**(video on YouTube) (approved as amended)**

**ATTENDING:** LINCOLN: Chairman Mike Simons, Selectperson Tammy Ham, Wayne Baltzer, Paul Beaudin, Tracey Brumlik, Dennis Ducharme, Brian Gallagher, Cindy Lloyd, Al Poulin, Jim Spanos, Carina Park, Becky

Absent: Ray (excused), Brent (excused), Herb (excused)

Audience: Tara Tower, Briana Fairbrother, Nate Hadaway, OJ Robinson

WOODSTOCK: Cheryl Reardon, Roberta Vigneault, Stephen Tower, Kara Sellingham, Faith Desjardins, Cathy Riley, Marcella Shamberger

**Call to order: 5:31 pm**

Review of minutes from January 9 and 11 will wait until the next meeting.

**DISCUSSION OF BUDGETS:**

**RECREATION:**

Tara Tower reports that the increase in wages is 4%. Dues, Travel and Conferences increased. Electricity increased by 0.7 cent per kilowatt hour. The recommended amounts for 2024 for Electricity-Ballfield should be \$900, Electricity-Kanc Building should be \$5,000 and Electricity-Snowmaking should be \$15,000. Fuel increases are based on the current rates. The propane increase is a locked in price. Parks and Patriotic and General Repairs and Equipment are only paid for by the Town of Lincoln. There was a new expense added under Parks and Patriotic for new soccer goals for \$5,000. The increase under Materials and Supplies was due to a groomer and tow repairs. The increase under General Repairs and Equipment was due to a new snow making pump.

Roberta asks why only \$6,972 is being asked for on the line for Programmer, when \$10,102 was spent. Tara states that a staff member was out on maternity leave and a part-time person was hired for that position.

Cheryl asks about the increase under contracted services. Tara states that they have to have a music license to broadcast live music. It is suggested that the \$3,100 be increased to \$6,000.

Tracey asks why \$1,500 is being asked for on the Ticket/Wicket line when only \$52 was spent. Tara states that the key tags are now used, but it's hard to judge how much will be needed in that area.

Cheryl asks if more needs to be added to the Program Equip/Supplies line to cover what was spent last year. Tara states that a lot of things were redone last year and that won't happen again this year.

Marcella asks about the dates for camp. Tara states that school gets out on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Then they have to prepare for possible snow make-up days and they need a staff training/team building week. Therefore, camp will be from July 1<sup>st</sup> to August 17<sup>th</sup>. There is one week off before school starts in the fall. Cheryl asks if there aren't any snow make-up days, could camp be moved back a week, so there are 8 weeks instead of 7. Tara states it's possible, but they aren't sure if the staff would be available and they also need some down time for staff between the after-school program ending and camp starting.

### **COMMUNITY CENTER:**

Tara Tower reports that there is a 4% recommended wage increase.

Spectrum was moved out of contracted services and put with telephone. Many lines under contracted services increased including: alarm service, dumpster, certified computer, online service, cleaning service and property liability insurance. Heating fuel went down. Material/Supplies increased due to cost of products.

Roberta asks about the amount being asked for under wages-afterschool counselors. Terra states that some PSU students were hired on, but that she doesn't anticipate there being that many this semester. Cheryl suggests increasing that line to \$31,000.

Paul asks why \$50,000 is being asked for again under Building and Property Maintenance for doors and windows, when it wasn't used last year. Tara states that the estimate for the ramp project came in at \$129,000. Paul asks why CIP money can't be used. Tammy states that the project cost would be shared with Woodstock, but they didn't want to spend that much money on this project and they are choosing to wait for concrete costs to come down. Paul asks about Woodstock's CIP. Cheryl states that they don't have a written plan like Lincoln does and they have only recently started their CIP and therefore have much less in the account. Tammy states that at the joint selectmen's meeting they agreed to put \$50,000 in the operating budget every year to cover these expenses, so it didn't have to come out of CIP.

### **SOLID WASTE:**

Nate Hadaway reports that the wages line reflects the 4% COLA. Overtime is up due to being down one employee, who is out on short-term disability. Under telephone more was spent than was budgeted due to repairs that were needed on the fire alarm system, but that line item for this year is not being increased. The bi-annual hazardous household

waste collection will be this year so, \$6,000 was added in for that. They took out \$11,000 for the tub grinder since they will not grind brush this year. The heating fuel/off road line was increased to \$5,000 this year also. Carina states that due to electricity rates increasing that line item should be increased to \$5,000. Kara asks why \$292,645 is being asked for under Contracted Services, when only \$247,364 was spent. Carina states that the last bills just came in and the actual expenditures are \$286,256. Roberta asks why so much is being asked for under Equipment Repairs. Nate states that it's a "just in case" account and that the amount under General Repair/Equipment will cover larger repair bills. The increase under uniforms was due to a new full-time employee.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Brent, Jim, Cindy and Mike need to fill out their declaration of candidacy paperwork.

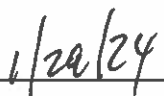
**MOTION: "To adjourn at 6:10."**

Motion: Paul

Second: Cheryl

Motion carries unanimously

  
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Chairman Mike Simons

  
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Date:

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Chairwoman Roberta Vigneault

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