

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 18th, 2018

Lincoln Town Hall, Lincoln, NH

ATTENDING: Beverly Hall, Larry Sweeney, Jack Daly, Cindy Lloyd, Tracey Brumlik, Dennis Ducharme, Chairman Mike Simons, Vice-Chairman Herb Gardner, Selectperson Jayne Ludwig, Lutz Wallem, Jim Spanos, Paul Beaudin

Excused: Susan Chenard

Staff Present: Town Manager Butch Burbank, Finance Officer Johnna Hart, Nate Hadaway

Audience: Tamra Ham

Call to order: Chairman Simons called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Review and Approval-Minutes of Previous Meetings:

December 11: approved.

December 13: tabled until next meeting so corrections can be made

line 22 should say "loved" not "lived"

line 163 LAWSUITS: lawsuits were paid out of insurance

line 171 Changes will go to chair then to committee. Turn around is so fast that if less than 24 hours before meeting, just bring to meeting since agenda is printed 24 hours before meeting.

A video of the meetings are available online.

Budget Reviews:

Public Works – Nate Hadaway said the electricity increase was due to a rate increase. Catch Basins had to be cleaned out.

Water Treatment – Nate Hadaway explained about a one year pilot study to the filters, at no cost to the town, to decrease the turbidity. Water will be sampled and monitored against the old filters to see if it helps the system. Jack asked what happens if we want to implement it. Nate explained then it's \$100,000. Beyond that we don't have room for. It would mean an entirely new system. Paul asked about the \$2500 for cleaning out the Loon Pond and if we could save by doing it ourselves. Nate said that may be possible if have proper equipment. Paul also said that the water sampling reports are confusing. Nate said he could add literature that explains it more. Bev asked about the pilot and where money would come from. Nate explained it would come from CIP. Paul asked about the water study. Butch discussed how Water Committee was in the process of looking at how water will be billed to be equitable to all (2nd home owners vs full time residents) and not to overburden people. Still a lot of the mechanics and details to be worked out. There will also be a leak detection survey done on entire town system. A warrant article about water meters will go before the community in a public forum. Beverly mentioned that one of the things to look at is a corresponding cut in tax rate, saying that the cost was a lot in Woodstock.

Sewer – Nate Hadaway said the electricity increase was due to a rate increase here also. General repairs were over, due to the dumpsters. Butch said that the latest totals, just looking at what we have now, exceeds the capacity of our sewer system. Nate explained that the odor problem last May was due to the pond turning over quickly because of a fast warm up.

Welfare – Butch explained that we do have a homeless population especially in spring and fall. Herb commented that Jayne does a great job at stretching the money. Beverly wanted to be sure that money would not be cut and Butch said the amount now is good.

Personnel – Butch explained that Medicare is fixed. Jack asked about number of union and non-union personnel. Butch said 14 were union and 18 are non-union. Paul asked about % of benefits to wage. Jack answered that 20-30 % is normal in industry. Butch said he would check and get back to us with this number at the next meeting. Butch said that unemployment is down 20.60%.

Town Hall – Butch explained that the Video CCTV never had it's dialer installed and that cameras were added to parking lot and door to PD. Cost was divided between the two departments. It's a cost spread out over 3 years. Paul asked if it was put out to bid. Butch explained that anything over \$10,000 they get 3 written quotes. This was the best bid. It was Paul asked about the generator maintenance. Butch explained is has to be done and updated.

Planning and Zoning – Numbers under Engineering and PRLAC were fixed. See new handout.

Discussion of questions – none

Other business – WMUR said that population is growing at a rate of 2.4% over last 10 years.

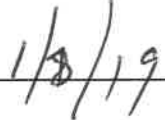
Motion: to adjourn at 6:40 pm

Motion: Herb Gardner

Second Cindy Lloyd

Motion carries unanimously


Chairman Mike Simons


Date: