

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 9th – 5:30 PM

Lincoln Town Hall, Lincoln, NH

(approved as amended)

ATTENDING: Chairman Mike Simons, Tracey Brumlik, Jim Spanos, Paul Beaudin,
Selectperson Tammy Ham, Al Poulin, Brent Hansma
Joining via ZOOM: Susan Chenard, Lutz Wallem
Absent: Vice-Chairman Herb Gardner, Cindy Lloyd, Dennis Ducharme, Ray D'Amante

Call to order: 5:33

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: "To approve minutes from October 26, 2021."

Motion: Jim Second: Al

Discussion: Susan states that on Line 12 "join" is spelled incorrectly

Susan states that on Lines 33-39 Contracted Services is capitalized in some places and not in others. Mike states that we should capitalize them all to keep it the same as the budget.

Jim states that on Line 77 it should say budget committee not water committee.

Tammy states that on Line 86 the spelling of the new town manager's name is "Carina Park."

Yes: 8 Abstain: 1 Approved as amended

REVIEW OF YTD EXPENSES:

Paul suggests we take time to review them and discuss them at the next meeting.

COMMITTEE SCHEDULE:

Tammy says that Cemetery is the only group that hasn't agreed to a date. Tracey states that the Public Hearings have to be 7 days apart. The one scheduled for the 8th was moved to the 10th. The joint meeting with Woodstock was moved to our Town Hall since the building is bigger and it's easier to social distance. Mike states we can take out February 1st and use January 27th as a make-up day. The new schedule will be as follows:

JANUARY 4th – Cemetery, Planning, Street Lights, Long Term Debt/Tan, Health Agencies
JANUARY 6th – Town Clerk, Elections, Tax Collector, Public Works, Water, Sewer
JANUARY 11th – Welfare, Executive, Town Hall Capital Reserves, Special Warrant Articles, Trustees of the Trust Funds
JANUARY 13th – Police, Legal, Insurance, Patriotic Purposes
JANUARY 19TH - Joint meeting w/WOOSTOCK at Lincoln Town Hall – Solid Waste, Recreation, Community Center
JANUARY 25th – Library, Fire, Personnel, Administration

JANUARY 27th – open/snow day
FEBRUARY 3RD PUBLIC HEARING
FEBRUARY 10th - PUBLIC HEARING...if needed
MARCH 8TH TOWN MEETING

Tammy will schedule and post all the ZOOM meetings. Brent states that he will be out of town the first week in January, but will attend or ZOOM as he is able. Mike states that if we can't make it to call in advance of the meeting date.

REVIEW OF OTHER TOWN COMMITTEE AND BOARD MINUTES:

Tammy states that the issue of putting water meters back on the table was voted down by the Board of Selectmen (BOS). She is looking for grant opportunities, but they don't start again until January.

Jim states that the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) was finalized and level funded at their last meeting. Some monies were moved around from projects that were less important and into more important areas like the water and sewer projects. Jim states that the Town Services Building feasibility study was fully funded at \$40,000 so no more money was put in. Tammy states that there will be a warrant article in the amount of \$48,000 for engineering/design for the possible new building. Paul asks why it wouldn't be under the line item that is already there. Tammy states that the BOS want to be transparent with their intentions and want voters to decide if they want the design done. She states that we are out of compliance **with the fire and police departments** in many areas and something has to be done.

Paul states that on page 33 of the CIP report, the total budget is \$1,394,943. Mike asks if the line that says, "\$1,273,200 adjusted for inflation of +3.0% annually," needs to be taken out. Tammy states that since the report has already been adopted and signed nothing can be changed until next year. Jim states that departments were asked if some projects could be put off another year to lower the overall amount. Paul states that some projects were done so those lines were taken out.

Mike asks if Jim as the Budget Committee (BC) representative, voted for level funding. Is that the way the BC would have voted, if that information had been brought back to us?

Paul states that the CIP is just a planning tool and that at any point the BOS and then the BC can adjust it. Paul states that because of how often the CIP committee meets there is no time to bring it back to the BC each time to get their approval. Mike feels that if the BC representative votes a certain way, the public will think that the entire BC voted that way. Brent suggests we change the title to "liaison" instead of representative. Tammy states that legally there has to be a representative on the committee.

Other Business:

Next Meeting is Thursday, December 16th.

MOTION: "To adjourn at 6:12 pm."

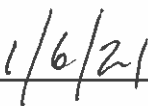
Motion: Paul

Second: Jim

Motion carries unanimously



Chairman Mike Simons



Date:

