

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
January 25, 2022 – 5:30 PM
Lincoln Town Hall, Lincoln, NH
(video on YouTube) (approved as amended)

ATTENDING: Chairman Mike Simons, Vice-Chairman Herb Gardner, Cindy Lloyd, Jim Spanos, Paul Beaudin, Dennis Ducharme, Selectperson Tammy Ham, Brent Hansma
Zoom: Tracey Brumlik, Johnna Hart, Susan Chenard, Carina Park, Roz Lowen, Ivan Strickon, Nancy Sweeney, Danielle Black
Absent: Ray D'Amante, Al Poulin,
Audience: Fire Chief Ron Beard, Gail Tremblay, Carol Riley

Call to order: 5:34

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: "To approve minutes from January 11th."

Discussion: Susan states that on line 49 it should say, "...that can be used to pay..."

Motion: Herb Second: Tammy Approved as amended

MOTION: "To approve minutes from January 13th."

Discussion: Susan states that on line 10 Carina is spelled incorrectly. Line 62 should say, "...and the SAU does not want the school to be used...". Tammy states that Line 72 should say, "Carina is hoping to lower the budget in the future."

Motion: Tammy Second: Jim Approved as amended

REVIEW OF BUDGETS:

LIBRARY: Carol Riley discusses the changes to the budget. She states that there is a 5% increase in wages. Employee Training is increasing for this year, so that Carol can attend a conference in Washington DC. Since June the building has been open M-F 10-8 and Saturday 10-2, so the Building Cleaning costs have increased. They also fog twice a week. The Library covers the costs of the cleaning supplies. The Copier and Fax Machine are used a lot, which brings in about \$500 in revenue. The internet, through Spectrum, is about \$300 a month. The fire/security system will be replaced this year, to include a panic button. This will be covered through the CIP. Two grants were received in the amount of \$15,000 for 3-D printers. They still offer curbside service when necessary.

FIRE: Ron Beard discusses the changes to the budget. The wages are based on a 3% increase, an estimate of the number of calls and the amount of time needed for each call. **Fire fighters that complete FF1 and FF2 receive a \$1/hr. increase also.** The Deputy Chief's wages increased due to it being for a full year instead of a half year. Bathroom upgrade is not yet complete. The car being used for meetings, **for all town personnel**, is just an old

cruiser the town owns, but a new one will not be purchased for this purpose. The cell phone line went up due to another line being added. Provident Insurance is a supplemental plan that covers **fire fighters** if they are doing something for the Fire Department, but not on an active call. Cleaning supplies increased due to Covid. Fuel is an estimate based on the number of calls and how far they drive. The Mechanical gate, for \$8,000, has not been spent **and will not be needed**. The Bunker gear line item will need to be increased to \$12,584.00 to get four sets of gear. The total for this budget would then increase to \$218,844.00. We have two of Lincoln's members that are also on the Woodstock Fire roster and one of them is on our roster. In turn, we do not have to call for mutual aid.

PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION: Carina states that the biggest jump is in Retirement since the rates were increased last year and they are on a **fiscal year not a calendar year**.

REVENUES: Tammy states that there will be an increase in Short Term Rentals because the registration fee was raised to \$100 and we are anticipating double to register this year. Carina states that Motor Vehicle Registrations may go down a little due to some of those people going back to their original home states due to Covid. EM-Misc. is the revenue from a grant for the Emergency Operation Plan. The Library grants are unanticipated revenue because it's not guaranteed, so it doesn't appear here. Johnna states that under Recreation, General Repairs and Patriotic costs are not shared with Woodstock. Carina will look into the percent that the town gets back from the Room and Meals Tax. Al states that Room and Meals Tax is distributed by the population.

OTHER BUSINESS: Johnna will print out the revised Operating Budget and we can pick them up at Town Hall on Wednesday. The next meeting will be on January 27 at 5:30 to review and approve the budgets. Tammy states that the Board of Selectmen (BOS) approved all of the proposed Warrant Articles except for solar panels at the Kanc.

MOTION: "To adjourn at 7:11 pm."

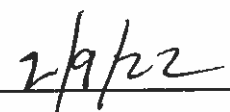
Motion: Herb

Second: Al

Motion carries unanimously



Chairman/Mike Simons



Date: