

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 31, 2023

Lincoln Town Hall, Lincoln, NH

(video on YouTube) (approved)

ATTENDING: Chairman Mike Simons, Vice-Chairman Herb Gardner, Selectperson Tammy Ham, Wayne Baltzer, Paul Beaudin, Tracey Brumlik, Dennis Ducharme, Brian Gallagher, Brent Hansma, Cindy Lloyd, Al Poulin

Zoom: Town Manager Carina Park, Ryan Fairbrother, Ray D'Amante,

Absent: Jim Spanos

Call to order: 5:34

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: "To approve minutes from January 24th."

Motion: Herb Second: Cindy Yes: 11, Abstain: 1 Motion carries

MOTION: "To approve minutes from January 26th."

Motion: Herb Second: Dennis Yes: 11, Abstain: 1 Motion carries

REVIEW OF CEMETERY BUDGET: Mike states that he contacted Peter Govoni and invited him to discuss the budget at this meeting and he stated that he was fine with the budget as is. Paul asks why wages were not increased by 6%. Mike states that we can only change the bottom line. Paul makes a motion: **"To raise the cemetery budget by \$750.00, which would make the total \$29,980."** Second: Tammy

Discussion: Budget Committee (BC) members discuss how we can only vote on the total not the line items and how the trustees use the money.

For: 5 Opposed: 7 Motion fails

VOTING ON BUDGETS:

#1 EXECUTIVE: Line items of budget listed with totals (see budget)

Motion to approve and recommend at \$522,466.00, Brian, Second: Herb

For: 11 Opposed: 1 Abstain: 0 Motion carries

#2 TOWN CLERK: Line items of budget listed with totals (see budget)

Motion to approve and recommend at \$44,871.00, Mike, Second: Herb

For: 12 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carries unanimously

#2A TAX COLLECTOR: Line items of budget listed with totals (see budget)

Motion to approve and recommend at \$48,740.00, Tammy, Second: Herb

For: 12 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carries unanimously

#3 ELECTIONS: Line items of budget listed with totals (see budget)
Motion to approve and recommend at \$3,525.00, Brian Second: Herb
For: 12 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carries unanimously

#4 LEGAL: Line items of budget listed with totals (see budget)
Motion to approve and recommend at \$111,000.00, Herb, Second: Dennis
For: 12 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carries unanimously

#5 PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION: Line items of budget listed with totals (see budget)
Motion to approve and recommend at \$1,471,744.00, Tammy, Second: Herb
For: 11 Opposed: 1 Abstain: 0 Motion carries

#6 PLANNING AND ZONING: Line items of budget listed with totals (see budget)
Motion to approve and recommend at \$199,450.00, Herb, Second: Tammy
For: 12 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carries unanimously

#7 TOWN HALL BUILDING: Line items of budget listed with totals (see budget)
Motion to approve and recommend at \$68,250.00, Herb, Second: Dennis
For: 12 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carries unanimously

#8 CEMETARY: Line items of budget listed with totals (see budget)
Motion to approve and recommend at \$29,230.00, Brian Second: Herb
For: 12 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carries unanimously

#9 INSURANCE: Line items of budget listed with totals (see budget)
Motion to approve and recommend at \$192,810.00, Herb, Second: Tammy
For: 11 Opposed: 1 Abstain: 0 Motion carries

#10 POLICE: Line items of budget listed with totals (see budget)
Motion to approve and recommend at \$1,639,437.00, Herb, Second: Dennis
For: 11 Opposed: 1 Abstain: 0 Motion carries

#11 FIRE: Line items of budget listed with totals (see budget)
Motion to approve and recommend at \$210,374.00, Mike, Second: Herb
For: 12 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carries unanimously

#12 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Line items of budget listed with totals (see budget)
Motion to approve and recommend at \$17,370.00, Herb, Second: Tammy
For: 11 Opposed: 1 Abstain: 0 Motion carries

#13 PUBLIC WORKS: Line items of budget listed with totals (see budget)
Motion to approve and recommend at \$389,974.00, Dennis, Second: Herb
For: 11 Opposed: 1 Abstain: 0 Motion carries

#14 STREET LIGHTS: Line items of budget listed with totals (see budget)
Motion to approve and recommend at \$69,000.00, Herb, Second: Tammy
For: 12 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carries unanimously

#15 SOLID WASTE: Line items of budget listed with totals (see budget)
Motion to approve and recommend at \$526,134.00, Tammy Second: Herb
For: 10 Opposed: 2 Abstain: 0 Motion carries

#16 SEWAGE DISPOSAL: Line items of budget listed with totals (see budget)
Carina states that H2O Innovations sent them a revised contract that increased the contracted amount to \$251,000.00 due to electricity increasing.
Motion to approve and recommend at \$309,650.00, Brent, Second: Herb
For: 11 Opposed: 1 Abstain: 0 Motion carries

#17 WATER: Line items of budget listed with totals (see budget)
Motion to approve and recommend at \$478,325.00, Herb, Second: Dennis
For: 11 Opposed: 1 Abstain: 0 Motion carries

#18 COMMUNITY BUILDING: Line items of budget listed with totals (see budget)
Motion to approve and recommend at \$236,789.00, Herb, Second: Dennis
For: 11 Opposed: 1 Abstain: 0 Motion carries

#19 HEALTH APPROPRIATIONS: Line items of budget listed with totals (see budget)
Motion to approve and recommend at \$159,903.00, Herb, Second: Tammy
For: 11 Opposed: 1 Abstain: 0 Motion carries

#20 WELFARE: Line items of budget listed with totals (see budget)
Motion to approve and recommend at \$10,000.00, Herb, Second: Tammy
For: 12 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carries unanimously

#21 RECREATION: Line items of budget listed with totals (see budget)
Motion to approve and recommend at \$317,893.00, Herb, Second: Tammy
For: 11 Opposed: 1 Abstain: 0 Motion carries

#22 LIBRARY: Line items of budget listed with totals (see budget)

Motion to approve and recommend at \$180,271.00, Brian, Second: Herb

For: 11 Opposed: 1 Abstain: 0 Motion carries unanimously

#23 PATRIOTIC PUPOSES: Line items of budget listed with totals (see budget)

Motion to approve and recommend at \$13,600.00, Herb, Second: Tammy

For: 11 Opposed: 1 Abstain: 0 Motion carries

#24 LONG TERM: Line items of budget listed with totals (see budget)

Motion to approve and recommend at \$535,336.00, Tammy, Second: Herb

For: 12 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carries unanimously

#26 TAN INTEREST: Line items of budget listed with totals (see budget)

Motion to approve and recommend at \$1.00, Tammy, Second: Herb

For: 12 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carries unanimously

Motion to accept the OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL of \$7,786,143.00,

Mike, Second: Herb, For: 10 Opposed: 2 Abstain: 0 Motion carries

OPERATING BUDGET'S OFFSETTING REVENUE

Carina states that revenues are down due to not receiving the ARPA Grant or Bridge Aide. She also states that last year we got a one-time double payment for the Highway Block Grant and the State Grant is not listed because we don't know how much we will receive year to year. The SRO revenue is not here because it's a warrant article that hasn't been voted on yet. Carina states that she will need to update the summary column to be sure all the money is listed correctly.

Motion to accept the OPERATING BUDGET'S OFFSETTING REVENUE TOTAL of \$1,998,854.00, Herb, Second: Ray

Discussion: Brian asks why there isn't a Timber Tax for cutting on Loon Mt. Carina states that if they use it themselves then they aren't taxed on it. Mike states that the Police budget is very large and with dropping revenue \$58,000.00, maybe they need to look at cutting somewhere.

For: 12 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carries unanimously

VOTING ON CRF's/Trust Funds:

SOLID WASTE: Motion to recommend funding in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Tammy, Second: Herb, For: 12 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carries unanimously

FIRE TRUCK AND EQUIPMENT: Motion to recommend funding in the amount of \$150,000.00. Tammy, Second: Herb

Discussion: Paul asks if they ever discussed options to buying a new truck. Carina states that, it was discussed, but then decided against. Deputy Chief Ryan Fairbrother states that going for a new engine was the best option since they are going to have it for 20 years.
For: 12 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carries unanimously

REVALUATION: Motion to recommend funding in the amount of \$25,000.00.
Tammy, Second: Herb, For: 12 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carries unanimously

PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT: Motion to recommend funding in the amount of \$22,000.00.
Herb, Second: Tammy, For: 12 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carries unanimously

PD EQUIPMENT: Motion to recommend funding in the amount of \$150,000.00.
Tammy, Second: Herb, For: 12 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carries unanimously

SEWER SYSTEM REHAB: Motion to recommend funding in the amount of \$300,000.00.
Tammy, Second: Herb, For: 12 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carries unanimously

WATER SYSTEM REHAB: Motion to recommend funding in the amount of \$166,000.00.
Tammy, Second: Herb, For: 12 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carries unanimously

ROAD AND STREET RECONSTRUCTION: Motion to recommend funding in the amount of \$123,000.00. Tammy, Second: Herb, For: 12 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0
Motion carries unanimously

ENGINEERING AND PLANNING: Motion to recommend funding in the amount of \$5,000.00
Tammy, Second: Herb, For: 12 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carries unanimously

KAND REC AREA EQUIPMENT: Motion to recommend funding in the amount of \$83,000.00
Tammy, Second: Herb, For: 12 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carries unanimously

COMMUNITY CENTER: Motion to recommend funding in the amount of \$40,000.00.
Tammy, Second: Herb, For: 12 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carries unanimously

CEMETERY MAINT EXP. TRUST: Motion to recommend funding in the amount of \$5,000.00. Mike, Second: Herb, For: 12 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carries unanimously

PROPERTY AND BUILDING MAINT: Motion to recommend funding in the amount of \$81,000.00. Tammy, Second: Herb, For: 12 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0
Motion carries unanimously

EMPLOYEE SEPARATION: Motion to recommend funding in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Discussion: Paul asks why we need it now if none was budgeted for in 2022. Carina states that it was added back in because some employees will be retiring.

Tammy, Second: Herb, For: 12 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carries unanimously

VILLAGE CENTER/RIVERFRONT PARK: Motion to recommend funding in the amount of \$30,000.00. Tammy, Second: Herb, For: 12 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion carries unanimously

LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY: Motion to recommend funding in the amount of \$2,000.00.

Mike, Second: Herb For: 12 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carries unanimously

LIBRARY BUILDING: Motion to recommend funding in the amount of \$20,000.00

Mike, Second: Herb For: 12 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carries unanimously

Motion to accept the Subtotal of CRF/Trust Funds at \$1,222,000.00

Mike, Second: Herb For: 12 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carries unanimously

Vote on Other/ Special Warrant Articles:

HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT: Motion to recommend funding in the amount of \$30,000.00

Tammy, Second: Herb

Discussion: Brian asks how we approve the amount if it's higher. Tammy states that it can be amended on the floor at Town Meeting.

For: 12 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carries unanimously

TOWN CLERK/CEMETERY RECORDS SOFTWARE: Motion to recommend funding in the amount of \$10,000, Tammy, Second: Herb

Discussion: Mike asks how this software will be used. Tammy states the Town Clerk asked that the Cemetery Trustees put this in their budget, but they chose not to and they like the way it's done now. The Town Clerk is asking for this to make it easier and so the maps are accurate. For: 9 Opposed: 3 Abstain: 0 Motion carries unanimously

PD VEHICLES (NEW CRUISER): Motion to recommend funding in the amount of \$61,857.00, Tammy, Second: Herb

Discussion: Brian asks if the capital reserve can be used to purchase cruisers. Tammy states that it's used for non-vehicle purchases.

For: 12 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carries unanimously

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT YEAR 1: Carina states that we can't talk about the specifics or vote on this until the agreement is ratified by the union. This will be tabled until Thursday's meeting.

SRO-SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER YEAR 1: Motion to recommend funding in the amount of \$120,000.00, Mike, Second; Herb

Discussion: Tammy states that there is an estimated offsetting revenue in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the first year, which includes \$18,000.00 from the school. Carina states that the SRO will be on the operating budget for the police next year.

For: 11 Opposed: 1 Abstain: 0 Motion carries

LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT FIRE TRUCK YEAR 1: Motion to recommend funding in the amount of \$450,000.00. Tammy, Second: Herb

Discussion: Al asks if they looked at buying a used truck. They discussed this, but it was decided to buy new. Carina states that the money for this is as follows: \$214,000 in CIP, we just added another \$150,000.00 and \$450,000.00 from the Undesignated Fund Balance. Carina states that of the \$150,000.00: \$100,000.00 is for the new pumper, \$25,000.00 is for a tower truck and another \$25,000.00 is for the E-1 pumper.

For: 12 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carries unanimously

ROUTE 3 WATER MAIN UPGRADES-CONSTRUCTION BOND: Motion to recommend funding in the amount of \$2,200,000.00, Tammy, Second: Herb

Discussion: Brian asks what the interest rate for a 10-year bond will be. Carina states that the local banks estimated that at 4-5%, but those are subject to change and they would need to get updated figures. Brian states that the \$1.75 tax impact is over the life of the bond, not per year.

For: 12 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carries unanimously

ROUTE 3 WATER MAIN UPGRADES-ENGINEERING: Tammy states that if the construction bond does NOT pass then they will try for just the engineering bond, but if the construction bond passes then the engineering bond will be dropped. Motion to recommend funding in the amount of \$325,000.00 Mike, Second: Herb

For: 12 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carries unanimously

NEW POLICE STATION - CONSTRUCTION BOND: Motion to recommend funding in the amount of \$8,500,000.00. Mike, Second: Ray

Discussion: Originally when this was for a police/fire station, it came back at \$24,000,000.00, so the design firm revised their plans for just a 14,000-15,000 square foot police station at \$8,500,000.00. The police station is the greatest need and fire station can just get some upgrades. Members feel this is not a reasonable amount to ask for from our

community. There was a committee for the police/fire department that met for over a year and presented a conceptual design to the BOS and then the committee and community weren't advised or consulted again. Some members have looked at what other cities have paid for their police/fire stations and think that a combination building can be done for much less than \$24,000,000.00. We don't want to give up on this combination building idea, but we don't feel right paying this much for just a police station. There should be a way to pursue grants also.

Paul states that the advertisement for the bond should have been listed with the specific bonds and amounts. Carina states that since these numbers had not been finalized, they didn't want to confuse people, so they advertised it without the amounts.

Motion: "Table the vote on the new police station until Thursdays after the bond hearing, but prior to the public hearing." Brian, Second: Tammy

Discussion: Members give their opinions on whether to table or not and what difference that will make and whether more information will change minds. Cindy moves the question. For: 6 Opposed: 6 Motion does not pass

Back to the original motion:

For: 1 Opposed: 10 Abstain: 0 Motion fails (not recommended)

NEW POLICE STATION – DESIGN/ENGINEERING: Motion to recommend funding in the amount of \$400,000.00. Tammy, Second: Herb

Discussion: This \$400,000.00 is to design/engineer just for just the police station? From our \$80,000.00 last year, we have a conceptual design for a \$24,000,000.00 police/fire station and an \$8,500,000.00 police station. The building committee met with the BOS, with 32 recommendations on how to cut costs. Cindy moves the question.

For: 1 Opposed: 10 Abstain: 0 Motion fails (not recommended)

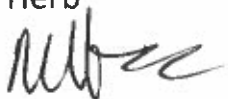
We cannot vote on the totals for SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES, CRF/TRUST FUNDS and the GRAND TOTAL because the collective bargaining agreement has not been ratified. These will be tabled until Thursday.

MOTION: "To adjourn at 7:55."

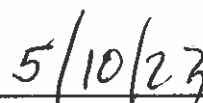
Motion: Herb

Second: Dennis

Motion carries unanimously



Chairman Mike Simons



Date: