

**BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – February 6, 2020**

**Lincoln Town Hall, Lincoln, NH**

**(approved)**

**ATTENDING:** Chairman Mike Simons, Jack Daly, Cindy Lloyd, Tracey Brumlik, Susan Chenard, Jim Spanos, Paul Beaudin, Dennis Ducharme, Ray D'Amante, Selectperson Jayne Ludwig, Lutz Wallem

**Absent:** Vice-Chairman Herb Gardner (excused)

**Audience:** Town Manager Butch Burbank, Finance Officer Johnna Hart, Fire Chief Ron Beard, Selectperson Tamra Ham, Police Chief Chad Morris, OJ Robinson, Library Director Carol Riley, Gail Tremblay

**Call to order: 6:38 p.m.**

Johnna explains the changes to the **2020 ESTIMATED REVENUES** sheet and **OPERATING TOTALS** sheet. The Water Meter Bond for \$1,210,000.00 was taken off. Johnna states that the Fund Balance to CIP Cemetery of \$2800.00 (sale of cemetery lots) will be changed this year so that the Trustees can have the money, in the same year they collect it.

**ESTIMATED REVENUES**

**TOW-SW**

Line items of budget listed with totals (see budget)

Motion to approve and accept at \$197,945.00

Dennis, Second: Jack For: 10    Opposed: 0    Abstain: 1    Motion carries

**TOW-RC**

Line items of budget listed with totals (see budget)

Motion to approve and accept at \$159,005.00

Jack, Second: Ray For: 10    Opposed: 0    Abstain: 1    Motion carries

**TOTAL REVENUE**

Line items of budget listed with totals (see budget)

Motion to approve and accept at \$3,059,855.00

Dennis, Second: Cindy For: 10    Opposed: 0    Abstain: 1    Motion carries

**OPERATING BUDGETS:**

**EXECUTIVE**

Line items of budget listed with totals (see budget)

Motion to approve and accept at \$453,614.00

Jack, Second: Susan For: 8    Opposed: 3    Abstain: 0    Motion carries

**PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION**

Line items of budget listed with totals (see budget)

43 Motion to approve and accept at \$1,068,958.00  
44 Ray, Second: Susan  
45 For: 10 Opposed: 1 Abstain: 0 Motion carries

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47 **FIRE**

48 Line items of budget listed with totals (see budget)  
49 Motion to approve and accept at \$187,481.00  
50 Paul, Second: Jim For: 10 Opposed: 1 Abstain: 0 Motion carries

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52 **OPERATING TOTAL**

53 Line items of budget listed with totals (see budget)  
54 Motion to approve and accept at \$6,618,452.00  
55 Ray, Second: Dennis  
56 Discussion follows: We present the public with a recommended budget. Then we open it  
57 to the public. If we want to change things after that, then we vote on it again and on the  
58 totals again. After tonight we can lower the budget, but we can't raise the budget without  
59 another public hearing. For: 9 Opposed: 2 Abstain: 0 Motion carries

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61 **SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES:**  
62 **UNION CONTRACT**

63 Line items of budget listed with totals (see budget)  
64 Increase in wages and a decrease in insurance.  
65 Motion to approve and accept at \$20,397.00  
66 Dennis, Second: Paul For: 11 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carries

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68 **SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES TOTAL**

69 Line items of budget listed with totals (see budget)  
70 Motion to approve and accept at \$1,617,997.00  
71 Paul, Second: Dennis For: 11 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carries

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73 **GRAND TOTAL**

74 Line items of budget listed with totals (see budget)  
75 Motion to approve and accept at \$9,301,849.00  
76 Ray, Second: Dennis For: 9 Opposed: 2 Abstain: 0 Motion carries

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78 **OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS at 7:05 p.m.**

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80 Library Director Carol Riley and Chairwoman of the Trustees Gail Tremblay representing  
81 the LIBRARY ask that we reconsider the proposed budget that was Trustees presented. The  
82 BOS recommended \$129,668.00, which included a 3% cost of living increase to put them in  
83 line with the rest of Town employees. The Trustees proposed \$1 increase to salaries and  
84 an additional night employee. They believe that the one time increase of \$1 (\$2500.00

added to wages) is necessary for their employees. They also feel the \$10,140.00 for another night person is necessary for security. Ms. Tremblay then read from the NH Library Associations Association Trustee Manual. OJ states that The Budget Committees budget goes to Town Meeting. The Library Trustees then use that bottom line as they see fit. At Town meeting, anyone can vote to raise a budget, as long as it doesn't go above the 10% limit. Safety concerns and moving people's shifts around are discussed.

Motion to approve and accept the Library budget at \$139,808.00

Jack, Second: Ray For: 9 Opposed: 2 Abstain: 0 Motion carries

#### **PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION**

Line items of budget listed with totals (see budget)

Motion to approve and accept at \$1,069,738.00

Dennis, Second: Jack For: 9 Opposed: 2 Abstain: 0 Motion carries

#### **OPERATING TOTAL**

Line items of budget listed with totals (see budget)

Motion to approve and accept at \$6,629,372

Susan, Second: Dennis For: 9 Opposed: 2 Abstain: 0 Motion carries

#### **GRAND TOTAL**

Line items of budget listed with totals (see budget)

Motion to approve and accept at \$9,312,769.00

Dennis, Second: Ray For: 9 Opposed: 2 Abstain: 0 Motion carries

#### **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING at 7:40 p.m.**

#### **Other Business:**

#### **Review and Approval of Minutes from 1/23/20**

Motion to approve: Cindy Second: Ray

Approved yes: 10 no: 0 Abstain: 1

Next meeting is TOWN MEETING

Notice of Vacancy will probably be filled as a write in.

Chief Morris says that Woodstock's Library budget is \$72,866.00 with 1.5 people.

#### **Motion to Adjourn at 7:50**

Motion: Paul Second: Jayne Motion carries unanimously

  
Chairman Mike Simons

  
Date: