

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
December 8th, 2022
Lincoln Town Hall, Lincoln, NH
(video on YouTube) (approved)

ATTENDING: Chairman Mike Simons, Vice-Chairman Herb Gardner, Selectperson Tammy Ham, Tracey Brumlik, Al Poulin, Brent Hansma, Brian Gallagher, Cindy Lloyd, Paul Beaudin, Dennis Ducharme, Town Manager Carina Park
Zoom: Ray D'Amante, Jim Spanos
Audience: Wayne Baltzer

Call to order: 5:35

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

Motion: Al Second: Herb

Meeting schedule is finalized. Hanna Kinne not interested in open position on BC anymore.

Yes: 10 Abstain: 2 Approved

REVIEW OF LETTERS OF INTEREST:

Beverly Hall submitted a letter of interest. Mike Simmons left her a message about tonight's meeting. Wayne Baltzer speaks to his interest in being on the Budget Committee (BC). His resume is submitted to the BC. BC decides to select a member tonight so that they can be included when we start to look over budgets in January.

MOTION: "To accept Wayne Baltzer as a BC member for the remainder of Susan Chenard's term." Motion: Tammy Second Al Motion carries unanimously

Wayne will need to be sworn in at Town Hall and then he can sit in at the next meeting, starting in January.

REVIEW OF 2022 YTD EXPENDITURES:

Carina states that although there are surpluses in quite a few areas, in December we have quite a few bills that come due. Budgets are done annually and there is an expense report issued monthly, but budgets are not divided out on a monthly basis. A couple bills are paid twice a year, around July/August and again in December. Carina states that there aren't any big changes expected. PD received unexpected grant money. The amount listed on this expense report was grant money already paid out for new radios for the PD and new traffic control signs for the FD.

Paul asks Carina about the overages in USGS Monitoring, Recreation payroll-overtime, and the Library State Grant Expenditures. Carina states that we were not charged last year for

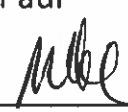
the USGS and got a double bill this year. Recreation lost one of their full-time positions so they had to cover that with overtime. The Library received a grant this year also.

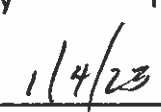
Carina states that other increases to expect will be in electricity, heating oil, diesel, health insurance, chemicals for water treatment, salt and sand. Legal and engineering are expected to go down.

Paul asks if the BOS have decided on wage increases yet. Carina states that they are still in negotiations with the police union. They are waiting on that to conclude before they go over the administration costs, but she is proposing a 6% COLA (for personnel across the board for non-union). She states that 5-6% is the trend in other communities. She also states that there will not be an adjustment in retirement until next year.

Mike asks about changes in the CIP. Carina states that extra funds were added, but some projects are still going to come up short because even increasing by 3% will not account for what things cost. For instance, the cost of a fire truck has doubled. Last year in CIP they put away \$1,095,000 and this year they are increasing that to \$1,222,000. Carina will get us the budgets a week in advance and highlight the increases and decreases.

Carina states that there is still the line item for \$5,000 for the BC for ipads and laptops. Discussion of what and how many to get. Motion to get one laptop for Tracey. Motion: Paul Second: Al Motion carries unanimously

MOTION: "To adjourn at 6:20 pm."
Motion: Paul Second: Tammy Motion carries unanimously


Chairman Mike Simons


Date: