

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 27, 2020 – 5:30 PM

Lincoln Town Hall, Lincoln, NH

(APPROVED)

(THE RECORDING OF THIS MEETING CAN BE FOUND ON YOUTUBE)

ATTENDING: Chairman Mike Simons, Vice-Chairman Herb Gardner, Selectperson Jayne Ludwig, Jack Daly, Tracey Brumlik, Jim Spanos, Al Poulin, Paul Beaudin (via Zoom), Dennis Ducharme (via Zoom), Ray D'Amante (via Zoom), Susan Chenard (via Zoom), Lutz Wallem (via Zoom), Cindy Lloyd (via Zoom), Town Manager Butch Burbank (via Zoom),
Audience: Fire Chief Ron Beard

Call to order: 5:32

Welcome Al Poulin to the Budget Committee

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: "To approve minutes from September 29 minutes with corrections."

Motion: Herb Gardner Second: Jim Spanos Motion carries unanimously

Corrections: Line 23 Jayne spelled incorrectly. Line 38 Herb Gardner spelling incorrectly. Line 70 should say, "Mike Simons asks whether revenue was expected to increase or decrease." Line 72 should say, "The Town received the GOFERR Grant for \$41,290 for COVID 19 related expenses." Line 80 should say, "Jim Spanos comments that it was a temporary tax in the 1960's."

Members received copies of: contact information for Budget Committee members, Statement of Budgeted and Actual Revenues (September 30, 2020), Legal Expenses, email from Johnna Hart answering the questions posed to the administration from the last meeting.

REVIEW OF QUESTIONS POSED TO ADMINISTRATION:

Cindy asks why there is such a low participation (only 44 have registered so far) of the short-term rentals in registering. Jayne states that the information will go out in the next tax bill and the deadline to register isn't until the end of January. The rest of the information will be tabled until the next meeting.

UPDATE OF CIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Paul states that they tried to keep the CIP budget for 2021-2022 level with last year, but it ended up being \$18,273.00 (1.2%) over last year's total. The main reasons it was pushed over was due to: roads (Maple Street, Rue de Gionet, road to Mt. Club) being redone, the

water treatment plant needing \$100,000 for repairs and Chief Beard's vehicle getting replaced. Jayne asked which area got the biggest increase and Paul stated that it was the water treatment plant. Jayne asked if any money was added to future sewer needs and Paul stated that some money was added to it to study the replacement of the plant and the line on Main Street. Paul stated that the replacement of the sewer lines throughout the town will be funded from Tap Fees and that future developers will do upgrades or repairs as they go. Butch states that over the last 7 years they have used a 3% increase to CIP as their target. He also states that by the end of November we should have a better idea of what the revenues are. Paul didn't vote in favor of it because he wanted to level fund it.

DISCUSSION OF MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 20-21 BUDGET:

Butch Burbank states that the BOS will have the budgets on or near Thanksgiving. Jayne Ludwig states that the BOS needs about 2 weeks to go through the budget once they've received them. The Budget Committee will meet on the following dates: 12/8/20, 12/15/20, 1/5/21, 1/7/21, 1/12/21, 1/14/21, 1/19/21, 1/21/21, 1/26/21, 1/28/21. In case we need an extra day, we will use 2/2/21. The public hearing will be on 2/4/21. In case we need an extra day, we will use 2/9/21. The Town Meeting is 3/9/21.

Other Business:

Tracey asks Jayne about why the revenue would be less from the Kanc Ski Area. Jayne states due to COVID the capacity has to be less.

Jack Daly asks that some money be put aside to provide Ipads for committee members so we don't waste so much paper. It would make things run more smoothly. Jack states that for about \$3000 we could get enough Ipads for our committee members and then maybe share them when we are not in session. Butch states he did have it in the budget last year and it was cut. He will look into it again. Butch will make it a line item. Mike asks for a common organizational software. Butch states that the IT department would set that up.

Butch says to be prepared to shut down town buildings due to COVID if cases increase too much. Stay flexible.

MOTION: "To Adjourn."

Motion: Paul Beaudin Second: Herb Gardner Motion carries unanimously

The meeting adjourns at 6:15 pm


Chairman Mike Simons


Date: