

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
December 8, 2020 – 5:30 PM
Lincoln Town Hall, Lincoln, NH
(THE RECORDING OF THIS MEETING CAN BE FOUND ON YOUTUBE)

ATTENDING VIA ZOOM : Chairman Mike Simons, Selectperson Jayne Ludwig (audio only), Jack Daly, Tracey Brumlik, Jim Spanos, Al Poulin, Paul Beaudin, Dennis Ducharme, Ray D'Amante, Susan Chenard, Lutz Wallem, Cindy Lloyd
Audience: Fire Chief Ron Beard
Excused Absent: Vice-Chairman Herb Gardner

Call to order: 5:42 pm

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: "To approve minutes from October 27, 2020."

Motion: Ray Second: Cindy Motion carries unanimously

ADJUSTMENTS TO 2021 MEETING SCHEDULE:

Proposed joint date with Woodstock is January 13th. Paul and Jim both have a Planning Board Meeting that night. Woodstock will be asked if they can change that date to January 20th and we can cancel our meeting on January 21st. Jayne states that OJ will come for ½ hour at the beginning of the joint meeting. Butch will also be at the joint meeting.

Paul states that at the BOS meeting on December 7th, they discussed the budgets for Police, Public Works, Water, Sewer, Solid Waste, and CIP. Paul wonders if those can be assigned to a date to discuss first. Jayne states that today there were some further revisions made in public works and library. She also states that the BOS are asking Woodstock to meet with them on December 21 regarding the Recreation Department. BOS is still waiting for confirmation from Woodstock. Jayne states that Chief Morris sent a proposal and data on why he wants to increase the PD staff. Jayne will forward information to Mike to disseminate.

Jack requests that the budget be printed out by the town so that it's aligned correctly and so that we have a hard copy to look over.

Mike says Butch has put our request for tablets in the budget.

Dennis suggests that on December 15th we set dates of what budgets to discuss on which dates. Discussion about whether we can start reviewing budgets yet. Mike states that the BOS have reviewed some departments, but they have not sent their recommendations yet.

We were emailed a budget, but that was just a draft. Cindy mentions that when department budgets are reviewed those department heads are usually in attendance at meeting also. Mike states that nothing has come to us officially yet. He also suggests that we use December 15th meeting to make a list of questions for the department heads.

Jack suggests that we keep the same order as last year for what departments are discussed when. Tracey will send last year's MEETING SCHEDULE to Mike to review.

Mike asks if we need to set protocols so that we navigate these Zoom meetings better. Paul states that we will need to set up a way to get any hard copies we need. He wants to be able to pick up a hard copy since technology is sometimes unreliable. Mike states that at next week's meeting we can set expectations for how far in advance we will need to request information.

Susan thinks we should wait to discuss budgets since next week is too soon to ask for presentations from departments.

Jayne states that except for Capital Reserve and Warrant Articles most of the other budgets will be finalized by the end of next week's BOS meeting. Paul wants clarification on who's budget we were emailed. Ron states that it's the town manager's budget that he presented to the BOS.

Cindy suggests that we have a "host" for each meeting so that someone is controlling the mics and people raise their hands to be acknowledged so that we can hear everyone's comments. Ron will be the host and Mike, as the chair, will recognize those wanting to speak.

OTHER BUSINESS:


Mike updates Jayne's phone number and email address. Ron will set one Zoom meeting up at a time so there is no confusion. Next meeting is December 15th. We will get hard copies of the budget by either going to Town Hall or Ron will deliver them. Paul suggests that any revisions to budget come through with a date and time so there is no confusion.

MOTION: "To Adjourn."

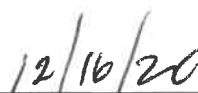
Motion: Paul Second: Susan

Motion carries unanimously

The meeting adjourns at 6:46 pm



Chairman Mike Simons



Date: