

**Lincoln Budget Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 30, 2014**

Present: Helen Jones, Alfred "Butch" Burbank, Lutz Wallem, Cindy Lloyd, Beverly Hall, Herbert Gardner, Susan Chenard, Clark Wrye, Mike Simons, Martin Nastasia, Tamra Ham.

Audience: Patricia McTeague

Absent: Ed Peterson Sr., Ivan Strickon

Alfred Burbank called the meeting to order at 5:27 pm.

The following candidates, for the budget committee vacancies, introduced themselves to the budget committee members:

Mike Simons, W Clark Wrye III, Marty Nastasia, Susan Chenard

Motion: "Appoint Mike Simons, W. Clark Wrye III, Susan Chenard, and Marty Nastasia as budget committee member for a one year term."

Motion: Tamra Ham Second: Cindy Lloyd Motion: Approved

The following new Budget Committee members were sworn in: Mike Simons, Marty Nastasia, Susan Chenard, Herbert Gardner, W. Clark Wrye III, and Beverly Hall

Motion: "To nominate Mike Simons as Chairman of the Budget Committee."

Motion: Tamra Ham Second: Beverly Hall Motion: Approved

Motion: "To nominate Hebert Gardner as Vice Chairman of the Budget Committee."

Motion: Tamra Ham Second: Martin Nastasia Motion: Approved

Review of Town Clerk/Tax Collector & Elections – Sue Whitman

The budget committee reviewed the Town Clerk/Tax Collector Budget.

Discussion:

Deputy Town Clerk Wages increase was due to 2015 included the cost to cover the Town Clerk/Tax Collectors 4 weeks of vacation.

The budget committee reviews the Elections Budget.

Discussion:

Lower budget as there is only one election in 2015.

Review of Street Lights – Butch Burbank

The budget committee reviewed the Street Lights.

Discussion:

97% of the Town's electricity is purchased through Nextera; our contract ends December 1, 2015.

Review of Legal – Butch Burbank

The budget committee reviewed the Legal Budget.

Discussion:

In review of 2014 expenses the BOS decided to increase the legal from \$80,000 to \$175,000 this would represent the true cost of the legal expenses.

Review of Long Term Debt/TAN interest – Butch Burbank

The budget committee reviewed Long Term Debt/TAN interest.

Discussion:

Levee-BOS is working on this issue. There may be a warrant article at Town Meeting.

A motion was made to request permission from NH DRA to over-expend our operating budget with monies from the unreserved fund balance to cover unanticipated legal expenses. The amount requested to cover the expenses is \$75,000.00.

Motion: Lutz Wallem Second: Herbert Gardner Motion: Approved

Review of Meeting Schedule:

The next Budget Committee Meeting will be held on January 6, 2015 at 5:00pm. Budgets to be reviewed will be Library, Fire Department, and Planning

Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:55 pm by Lutz Wallem: seconded by Tamra Ham.

Date: _____

1/6/15

Approved: _____



Chairman: Mike Simons