

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2024

Lincoln Town Hall, Lincoln, NH

(video on YouTube) (approved)

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

Absent: Paul Beaudin (excused)

Call to order: 5:31 PM

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: "To approve minutes from January 2."

Motion: Herb Second: Cindy Yes: 11 Abstain: 1 approved as amended

Discussion:

Line 6 fix spelling of vice

Line 49 take out, "to the cost of a one-night stay."

Line 62 take out, "To be safe, we need some surplus, which is what the 1.39% increase represents."

Line 73 should say, "which is due to us having 2024 payments on the bond..."

Line 74 change the word, "land" to "property"

Line 86 remove the extra spaces after 6:44

MOTION: "To approve minutes from January 4."

Motion: Herb Second: Cindy Yes: 11 a approved as amended

Discussion:

Line 9 fix the spelling of Mike's name

Line 27 take out "but only"

Line 29 take out the word "paperless"

Line 33 change the word "states" to "recollection is"

Line 38 should read, "...due to employee cell phones..."

Line 45 change the words "it all" to "more chemicals"

Line 49 should read, "...to the projected increase..."

Line 83 fix the spelling of Dennis's name

Line 85 fix the spelling of Dennis's name

WELFARE: Carina states that although only \$6000 of the \$10,000 from last year was spent, we are not seeing a decrease in the homeless and welfare clients, so this budget is staying flat at \$10,000. We have limited emergency housing available. The nearest homeless

shelter is in Plymouth and offers social services that we don't. The NHGAP is the software that's used to track assistance help and it talks to other towns, as well.

EXECUTIVE: Carina explains that the increases under wages were due to a number of issues including: shifts in some job responsibilities, 4 elections this year and overtime in welfare since help is offered when it is needed, not just during business hours. Utilities are remaining flat. NH Municipal Association dues went up slightly. The free legal advice they offer is very helpful. Last year Carina did not attend the ICMA National Conference, which is a big reason why this budget was not spent to what was funded. She does plan to attend this conference in 2024. Under Contracted Services the biggest increase is MRI Payroll, which is the company that takes care of the weekly payroll, state and federal wage reporting, labor reporting and retirement reporting. They have been very valuable in reporting data and time saving. Certified Computer is a 5-year contract. The last contract was from 2018 to 2023. They redesigned their contract so other line items were absorbed in this cost. This also covers a new computer for every computer the Town has, every 5 years and 2 servers. They are very dependable in resolving technology problems. GASB 75 went down due to only needing an update this year. Materials and Supplies remained the same. Engineering is the line item that covers any help the Town needs from Ray Corber. This year it was used to help get a grant for River Front Park. Highland Games brings in a lot of revenue for the town and they support the Booster Club. The Board of Selectmen (BOS) voted to approve that amount to offset their police detail costs.

TOWN HALL: Carina states that CCTV was taken out of the operating budget and moved to the CIP. Electricity went up 0.07 cents per kilowatt hour from .11 to .18 cents. Propane/Heating and Materials/Supplies were kept flat. Building and Property Maintenance is slightly over due to purchasing and installing a new AC unit.

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES: Carina states that this amount was kept flat. The surplus from last year was used to purchase banners. The firework's vendor has told us that for this year he will not be able to do any out of state shows on the 4th of July due to not being able to transport the fireworks across state lines and needing a CDL licensed driver. Other pyrotechnics companies were called and the cost was going to be \$26,000. To keep the cost at the \$15,000, the fireworks show will be on Friday, July 5th. The vendor has been informed that in 2025 we will use a different vendor, if he can't guarantee us the 4th of July, but this will cost us more.

CEMETERY: This budget remained flat. At the end of the budget-year they ordered vaults. There is Offsetting Revenue of \$8000.00.

OTHER BUSINESS: We are hosting the joint meeting with Woodstock on January 17th.

MOTION: "To adjourn at 6:23."

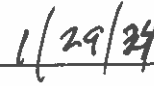
Motion: Herb

Second: Al

Motion carries unanimously



Chairman Mike Simons



Date:

