

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 29, 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, Jack Daly, Tracey Brumlik, Susan Chenard, Lutz Wallem, Jim Spanos, Paul Beaudin, Selectperson Jayne Ludwig, Dennis Ducharme (via Zoom), Ray D'Amante (via Zoom),

Absent: Cindy Lloyd (excused),

Audience: Fire Chief Ron Beard, Al Poulin

CALL TO ORDER: 5:32 pm

REVIEW OF CONTACT INFORMATION: Susan Chenard corrects her email address and Tracey Brumlik corrects her mailing address.

WELCOME BACK MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY:

Susan Chenard is now the town treasurer. Chief Beard and Chief Morris kept up with the CDC requirements during Covid. The decision on whether to allow Halloween Trick-or-Treating will come soon. Paul Beaudin states that CIP has one more meeting and they are trying to keep it level with last year. BOS (Board of Selectmen) will be creating a building committee of 7 people to look at the feasibility of and location of possibly combining town hall, police and fire into one building. **Jayne Ludwig** reports that asking folks not to water saved us 100,000 gallons per day.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

MOTION: "To nominate Mike Simons for Chairman."

Motion: Dennis Ducharme Second: Ray D'Amante Motion carries unanimously

MOTION: "To nominate Herb Gardner for Vice-Chairman."

Motion: Jack Daly Second: Jayne Ludwig Motion carries unanimously

MOTION: "To nominate Tracey Brumlik for Secretary."

Motion: Herb Gardner Second: Mike Simons Motion carries unanimously

REVIEW OF OPEN COMMITTEE POSITION:

Al Poulin sent a letter of interest for the open position. Al briefly speaks to his qualifications and experience.

MOTION: "To nominate Al Poulin for the open position."

Motion: Jack Daly Second: **Herb Gardner** Motion carries unanimously

Al Poulin will be sworn in at Town Hall and then fill the position until March of 2021.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: "To approve minutes from January 28 minutes as presented."

Motion: Paul Beaudin Second: Jack Daly

For: 10 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 1 Motion carries

MOTION: "To approve minutes from February 6th minutes as presented."

Motion: Jack Daly Second: Paul Beaudin

For: 10 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 1 Motion carries

MOTION: "To approve minutes from February 13th as presented."

Motion: Jane Ludwig Second: Jack Daly

For: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 5 Motion carries

DISCUSSION OF MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2021:

Mike Simons requests to have one meeting a month till the budgets come out. We need Administration to tell us when the departments can get their budgets to us. Ron Beard states that the department heads just met with Butch Burbank to get that process started. Beard requests to know meeting schedule so he can set up the zoom meetings. Simons states that the departments don't have to present their budgets until around January 26th, but we can request they be submitted earlier. Paul Beaudin will fill us in on CIP at the next meeting. Simons will ask the administration what our revenues are expected to be. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 27th at 5:30, and then we will set the schedule for the rest of our meetings.

DISCUSSION OF ANY QUESTIONS TO ADMINISTRATION:

Ray D'Amante asked about the number of students going to Lin-Wood from out of state and the impact to budget. Discussion on the number of students and whether it's a Budget Committee issue or a school issue. School population has not been affected dramatically because those choosing to homeschool have balanced out with those coming in from out of state.

Mike Simons asks **whether revenue was expected to increase or decrease**. Jane Ludwig states that the last list of revenues came out in June, but they are expected to increase. There were costs pertaining to Covid, but we don't know the numbers exactly, yet. **The Town received the GOFERR Grant for \$41,290 for COVID 19 related expenses.** We got supplies more quickly because Ron Beard went to Emergency Management. Simons ask what are top three revenue producers are. Ludwig explains that they are the ones we share with Woodstock. The grants we get from the state are matching grants. Ludwig states we have a \$100 fee that comes in from each of the 1700 short term rentals, but it's hard to enforce. Beard states he also got a grant for \$148,536 for firefighter air packs, masks and extra air bottles. Simons asks if originally a portion of the Room and Meals Tax

was to come back to the town. **Jim Spanos comments that it was a temporary tax in the 1960's.** The license holder gets an administration fee.

Paul Beaudin requests that we be provided with a statement of the revenues thus far. Beaudin would also like an explanation as to why some expenditures, from the Detailed Statement of Payments, are very close or over with 4 months still left in the year. Those he would like clarification on are: Legal Expenses (\$65,563 left), Property Liability Insurance (\$34,790 over), under Emergency Management 1st Responders Stipend (\$34,776 over), under Solid Waste Materials and Supplies (\$1,125 over), under Water Distribution and Treatment Equipment (\$2,163 over), under Health and Welfare Appropriations (\$0 left), under Culture and Recreation Grant Expenditures (\$1,072 over), under Capital Appropriations Riverfront Park (\$34,040 over). Ron Beard states that the 1st Responders Stipend (\$34,776 over) is 100% reimbursed by the state.

Paul Beaudin states that CIP is trying to keep things at a flat rate with last year. With some people doing very well and others doing poorly, there is a lot of uncertainty and we need to look at how people are faring due to all the shut downs and new restrictions. Dennis Ducharme says that for him revenue was better for July and August, but that doesn't make up for being closed for 4 months. Mike Simons states that requirements and restrictions make the cost of doing everything more.

Other Business:

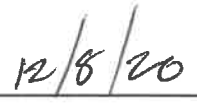
Susan Chenard states there will be a FOOD BANK truck at Whales Tale on October 1st for anybody in need. Paul suggests that the police do a robo-call to everyone announcing it.

MOTION: "To Adjourn."

Motion: Paul Beaudin Second: Herb Gardner Motion carries unanimously
The meeting adjourns at 6:30 pm



Chairman Mike Simons



Date: