

Budget Committee
January 26th, 2021
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Chair Charles Therriault, Walter Waring, Paul Regan, Sue Sodano, Select Board Representative Les Dion, Vice Chair Joe Caristi (remote) and Janet Cavanagh (remote).

Others Present:

Nik Coates, Town Administrator (remote); Bob Blanchette, Finance/Human Resources Director (remote), Raymah Simpson, Town Clerk/Town Tax Collector; Christina Goodwin, Health/Land Use Director; Chief Ben LaRoche, Fire Department; and Lydia Notaro, Member of the Public.

Call to Order:

Mr. Therriault called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

Old Business

01-4140: Tax Collector

Motion to move bottom line of #4140 in the amount of \$78,062 by Mr. Therriault, seconded by Mr. Waring. Mr. Coates stated Mrs. Simpson's budget has changed due to a Warrant request by Select Board for Charter Commission elections. Motion to amend line #131 Supervisors of the Checklist in the amount of \$1,807 by Mr. Therriault, seconded by Ms. Dion. This line consists of the wages of the supervisors. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0-0. Motion to amend line #191 Ballot Clerks in the amount of \$630 by Mr. Therriault, seconded by Ms. Dion. Mrs. Simpson stated she needed three ballot clerks. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0-0. Motion to amend line #550 Advertising in the amount of \$676 by Mr. Therriault, seconded by Mr. Waring. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0-0. Mrs. Simpson stated that she posts the election two days in the Laconia Sun and one day in the Newfound Landing. Motion to amend line #610 Election Supplies in the amount of \$1,897 by Mr. Therriault, seconded by Mr. Regan. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0-0. Mrs. Simpson stated that it is cheaper to buy 1,000 ballots rather than 500.

01-4152: Property Reappraisal

Motion to move bottom line of #4152 in the amount of \$124,211 by Mr. Therriault. Mrs. Goodwin stated that the old utility appraisal vendor's quote for a year increased. The Town found the current vendor who quoted a lower amount and a contract was signed in December 2020, locked in at \$17,500. Motion to amend line #312 Contract Services to \$36,500 by Mr. Therriault, seconded by Ms. Dion. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0-0. Mr. Regan inquired on line #120 Admin Assistant and the change in rate of pay and hours. Mrs. Goodwin stated the job is combined with Highway and the Select Board's suggestion was to increase the rate. Motion to amend line #120 Admin Assistant in the amount of \$15,849 by Mr. Therriault, seconded by Mr. Waring. Motion passed 6-0-1. Motion to amend line #220 FICA in the amount of \$4,507 by Mr. Therriault, seconded by Mr. Caristi. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0-1. Motion to amend line #225 Medicare in the amount of \$1,053 by Mr. Therriault, seconded by Mr. Regan. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0-1. Motion to move the amended bottom line of #4152 Property Appraisal in the amount of \$123,604 by Mr. Therriault, seconded by Mr. Waring. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0-1.

New Business:

Warrant Preview

Mrs. Sodano inquired on the difference between SB2 and the Charter Commission. Mr. Coates stated that there is an article and video on the Town website regarding the topic. The voters will be asked about the option of a Charter and if voted in favor of, the Charter will study a form of Government that the Town could adopt. The results of the study must be presented to the Secretary of State and Select Board and approved by both.

Mr. Coates discussed the following sections of the Warrant Articles not yet completed:

Article 1- Voting Officials

Article 2 – SB2

Article 3 – Zoning Amendments – Power Purchase Agreement by the Energy Committee

100-101 – Solar Array

102 – Budget

103 – Contingency Fund

104 – Bicentennial Capital Reserve Fund

105 – 1973 Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund

106 – Patriotic, Recreational, and Special Events Expendable Fund

107 – Recycling/Cardboard

109 – Fire Department Radio/Chargers/Programming Lease

110 – Additional/Replenish of Capital Reserve Funds

111 – Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Funds

112 – 6 Public Roads to Make Private

113 – Fox Run Cul de Sac Documentation Adjustment

114 – Planning Board Member/Quorum Adjustment

Review and Approval of Minutes:

Motion by approve January 12th, 2021 minutes by Mr. Regan, seconded by Mrs. Cavanagh. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0-1.

Correspondence:

None

Member Comments:

None

Select Board/Staff Comments:

None

Adjournment:

Motion by roll call vote to adjourn meeting at 8:02pm by Mr. Therriault, seconded by Mrs. Sodano. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0-0.

Next Meeting:

February 2, 6:00pm -- Work Session on Warrant Articles and Revenues

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon Wharton