

Present: Robert Fisher, Donna Murphy, Rosanne Adams, Phil Lytle, Bill Jacques, Rebecca Davis (Chair), Edward Strong (via SKYPE)

Also present: Michael Moynahan, Robert Pomerleau

Meeting opened at 6:30 PM.

Purpose of the meeting was to go over the Warrant Articles and make recommendations to be included in the Town Book. The Chair handed out a *Warrant Article Comparison* sheet showing the budget for last year and the corresponding Warrant Articles for each department as presented for the 2014-15 year. The amounts that would be required to bring this year's budgets equal to last year's was given as each warrant article was discussed. She noted that she had just received a revised warrant today so there might be some changes in the numbers.

BUSINESS

1. There was discussion on how to proceed with the goal of making the town book, if possible. MOTION by Fisher, 2nd Jacques to proceed to take last year's numbers and work from that. VOTE: 4-1. Chair and Strong concur

The following decisions were made:

#19 ADMIN : MOTION by Fisher, 2nd Murphy to reduce by \$119,321 to make it equal to last year's Budget. (result is \$1,083,729). VOTE: 4-1. Chair and Strong concur)

#20 ADMIN CIP: MOTION by Fisher, 2nd Murphy to reduce to final sum of \$31,527. VOTE: 5-0. Chair and Strong concur.

#21 GENERAL ASSISTANCE: MOTION by Lytle, 2nd Fisher to recommend \$44,000. VOTE: 5-0. Chair and Strong concur.

#22 RESERVE ACCOUNTS: Total \$21,630

SICK LEAVE: MOTION by Murphy, 2nd Jacques to reduce to -0-. VOTE: 2-2. Chair concurs in the affirmative. Lytle abstain.

ASSESSING: MOTION by Fisher, 2nd Adams to reduce to -0-. VOTE: 5-0. Chair and Strong concur. This was done with the recommendation that either the assessor would be doing this or that with the hiring of a part-time assessing firm it would be included in the price.

STREET LIGHTS: It was AGREED to come back and look at this later.

OFFICE COMPUTER RESERVE: MOTION by Fisher, 2nd Jacques to reduce this to -0-. VOTE: 4-0. Chair and Strong concur. Lytle abstain. MOTION by Murphy, 2nd Fisher that this be funded at \$21,630. VOTE : 4-0. Chair and Strong concur. Lytle abstain.

#23 POLICE DEPARTMENT: MOTION by Murphy, 2nd Jacques to cut \$23,150 from the amount requested and fund at \$1,040,902. VOTE: 4-1. Chair and Strong concur in the affirmative.

#24 POLICE CIP: There was discussion about the vehicle schedule of replacement. MOTION by Fisher, 2nd Jacques to fund the vehicle portion at \$9000. VOTE: 5-0. Chair and Strong concur. MOTION by Murphy, 2nd Adams to fund this article at \$15,500. VOTE 5-0. Chair and Strong concur.

- #25 PUBLIC SAFETY: MOTION by Fisher, 2nd Murphy to fund at \$139,000. VOTE 5-0. Chair and Strong concur.
- #26 POLICE BUILDING BOND: MOTION by Lytle, 2nd Murphy to fund the full amount requested - \$37,454. VOTE: 5-0. Chair and Strong concur.
- #27 ECSD: MOTION by Jacques, 2nd Lytle to fund at \$196,893. VOTE 4-1. Chair and Strong concur.
- #28 ECSD CIP: MOTION by Jacques, 2nd Lytle to fund at \$5000. VOTE 4-1. Chair and Strong concur.
- #29 FIRE DEPARTMENT: MOTION by Adams, 2nd Bill to fund as requested (\$151,328). VOTE 5-0. Chair and Strong concur.
- #30 FIRE DEPARTMENT CIP: MOTION by Fisher, 2nd Jacques to reduce by \$4000 (fund at \$69,000). VOTE: 5-0. Chair and Strong concur. Note: There was an amount of \$4000 that could not be accounted for in this request.
- #31 DPW: MOTION by Fisher, 2nd Jacques to accept as written (fund at \$765,407) VOTE: 3-1 Chair and Strong concur. Lytle abstain. Note: the operating expenses are down by \$40,000
- #32 DPW CIP: MOTION by Murphy, 2nd Adams to fund at \$445,000. VOTE: 4-0. Chair and Strong concur. Lytle abstain. Note: It was voted not to repair bridge - reduce by \$50,000; Reduce Energy by \$7,000, the original request; Infrastructure by \$90,000; Reduce vehicles by \$5000 – just bought one with FEMA monies.
- #33 SNOW REMOVAL: MOTION by Murphy, 2nd Jacques to fund at last year's level - \$182,000. VOTE 4-0. Chair and Strong concur. Lytle abstain. Note: Any more needed can come out of contingency fund.
- #35 STORM WATER: MOTION by Fisher, 2nd Jacques to reduce by \$45,000 to a total funding of \$45,000. VOTE 2-2, Chair concurs in the affirmative. Lytle abstain.
- #36 SEWER BOND : MOTION by Murphy, 2nd Fisher to fund as requested (\$38,000). VOTE 5-0. Chair and Ed concur.
- #37 TRANSFER STATION: MOTION by Murphy, 2nd Fisher to fund at \$287,791. VOTE 4-0. Chair and Ed concur. Lytle abstain. Note: down from last year by \$17,837.
- #38 TOWN COMMITTEES - warrant recommendation - \$42,060
- BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT: AGREED to reduce by \$1400 to a total funding of \$300. Note: The spending for placing a sign this year was not justified.
- PLANNING BOARD – MOTION by Jacques, 2nd Fisher to fund at \$10,000 (a reduction of \$3498). VOTE 5-1. Chair and Strong concur. Note: historically they have not used over \$10,000.
- HISTORICAL SOCIETY – AGREED to stay with original request until more research could be done.
- #39 OUTSIDE AGENCIES: Recommended amount - \$17,852
- AGENCY on AGING: MOTION by Fisher, 2nd Jacques to fund at \$4600 (a reduction of \$4400). VOTE 3-2. Note: the funding for the agency has increased over 10 years from \$2300 to \$9000. Giving them a 10% increase each year for ten years would amount today to \$4600.

DAY ONE: Motion by Fisher, 2nd Jacques to fund at \$500 (a reduction of \$500). VOTE: 3-2. Chair and Strong Concur.

PARENT AWARENESS: MOTION by Jacques, 2nd Adams to reduce to \$500 (a reduction of \$500). VOTE: 5-0. Chair and Strong concur. Note: only 1 resident was served.

YORK COUNTY SHELTERS: MOTION by Adams, 2nd Jacques to reduce to -0- (a reduction of \$500). VOTE 4-1. Chair and Strong concur. Note: Food bank and services are in areas further north of us. Use by Eliot residents would be minimal at best. We have food banks and soup kitchens in our area for residents to utilize.

#40 LIBRARY –MOTION by Fisher, 2nd Jacques to fund at last years level of \$112,000. VOTE 4-1.

#18 - ESTIMATED REVENUES: MOTION to accept as written - \$2,031,320. Vote 5-0. Chair and Strong concur.

#17 – TIF MONIES: MOTION to accept as written - \$40,000. VOTE 5-0. Chair and Strong concur.

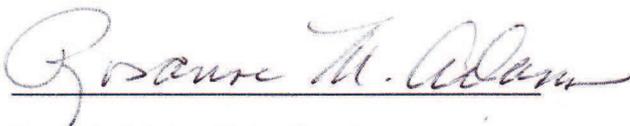
Chair will send out the information to the town manager and Barbara Thain for the town book.

2. Informational meeting with the public will be set for June 3rd at 7PM

Meeting closed at 10:10pm

Next Meeting: April 8, 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted by



Rosanne Adams, Recording Sec.

Date Approved: 3-18-2014