

ELIOT BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 16, 2013

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Meeting called to order at 6:05

Present: Robert Fisher, Rebecca Davis, Edward Strong, John Reed (6:18pm)

Absent: Bill Jacques, Jeff Pelkey

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It was noted by the Chair that there was no quorum but John was on his way. General discussion followed until he arrived and then motions were made and voted on.

Chair passed out a paper with list of deductions from the budget for consideration to try and bring the numbers down to flat funding. She was able to bring it down to \$270,000. It was noted that the budget is up \$926,000 from last year and as of April 1st the Police Salary line item was up \$13,400. Strong tried to get hold of the chief to ask him why. Votes would have to be tonight to make the book. Also presented was a revised CIP spread sheet.

Fisher brought up item #10 and that the committee has to either go with the recommendation or not and recommended that the committee approve with the stipulation that 2 more bids be gotten. He showed pictures he had taken of the room and some of the areas that in his opinion were already addressed and did not need to be "fixed" or could be done differently for less cost. Strong also questioned around and a contractor said he could do it for a 1/3 of the cost and the internet was high. Fisher noted that the school has wireless. Discussion followed on the pros and cons of a yes vs. no vote. Public input was taken.

Quorum present – Chair voting:: Committee received REVISED warrant articles for use tonight

1) Article #10 : MOTION made by Fisher 2nd by Strong to approve the \$60,000 with the stipulation that three bids be obtained before awarding the contract. This \$60,000 is based on one bid and may not reflect the true cost or needs. VOTE: 2-1, Chair concurs.

2) Motion by Fisher and 2nd by Reed to reduce winter maintenance and snow removal in DPW budget to last year's figure. Decided by CONCENSUS to go with the original vote on all articles already addressed.

3) Article # 15 – Police Budget - Issue of Police department discrepancy in salaries. Went to \$587,000. Before that the number was lower as of April 1st - \$563,322. There are also other changes resulting in a \$4404 increase. A week ago it was down \$22,000. No explanation of the change. AGREED to set aside until getting an explanation. Call to Strong from Short during meeting – said he didn't know where the increase came from and no agreement with Kittery reached yet. Note: Police chief gets his health insurance through the state because of his retirement. The town picks up insurance for his wife by agreement.

4) Article # 32– Outside Agencies - is up \$3820. Areas of increase/decrease were gone over and motions made as follows: (CC denotes "Chair concurs")

Requested:		Budget Committee Recommends
Agency on Aging	\$9,000	Motion by Reed, 2 nd by Strong. VOTE: 3-0, CC
Caring Unlimited	\$1,861	Motion by Strong, 2 nd by Reed. VOTE: 3-0, CC
Counseling Service	\$1,500	Motion by Fisher, 2 nd by Reed. VOTE: 3-0, CC
Day One	\$1,000	Motion by Reed, 2 nd by Strong. VOTE: 3-0, CC
Hospice of York	0	Motion by Strong, 2 nd by Fisher. VOTE: 3-0, CC

Project Share	\$500	Motion by Strong, 2 nd by Reed. VOTE: 3-0, CC
Red Cross	\$1,200	Motion by Fisher, 2 nd by Strong. VOTE: 3-0, CC
Seacoast Shipyard	\$500	Motion by Fisher, 2 nd by Strong. VOTE: 3-0, CC
Sexual Assault	0	Non-Vote (same as SASSM)
So. Maine Parent Awareness	\$1,000	Motion by Fisher, 2 nd by Strong. VOTE: 3-0, CC
Biddeford Free Clinic	\$150	Motion by Fisher, 2 nd by Strong. VOTE: 3-0, CC
SASSM	\$250	Motion by Fisher, 2 nd by Strong. VOTE: 3-0, CC
Fairtide	0	Motion by Strong, 2 nd by Fisher. VOTE: 2-0, CC, Reed abstains.
Home Health Visiting Nurses	\$4,121	Motion by Fisher, 2 nd by Strong. VOTE: 2-0, CC, Reed abstains.
Child Abuse	\$500	Motion by Fisher, 2 nd by Strong. VOTE: 3-0, CC
York County Community Action	\$3,250	Motion by Fisher, 2 nd by Strong. VOTE: 3-0, CC
York County Shelters (Alfred, ME)	\$500	Motion by Strong 2 nd by Fisher. VOTE: 3-0, CC
<u>Budget Committee Total.....</u>	<u>\$25,332</u>	

5) Article #13: Administration is up \$ 44,481. Salary account is up \$16,181 with no explanation given. Not sure if this is step increases or something else. Fringe benefits are also up. Discussion of approach to these budgets – flat funding or researching further and presenting to the public at the town meeting. No decision reached.

6) Article #33: Eastern Trail - Motion by Strong, 2nd by Fisher to recommend \$0. VOTE: 3-0, Chair concurs.

7) Article #39: YCCA Senior Transportation - Motion by Strong, 2nd by Fisher to recommend \$6000. VOTE: 3-0, Chair concurs.

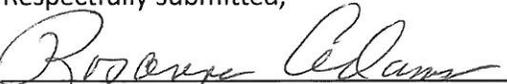
8) Article #45: Unreserved Fund for Emergencies - Motion made by Fisher and 2nd by Strong to recommend \$1000. VOTE 3-0, Chair concurs.

9) AGREED to table remaining articles not yet decided on to next meeting. Tues. April 23rd.

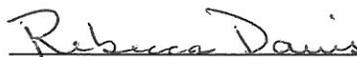
10) Chair will send out the votes tonight to Barbara for the town book.

Meeting closed at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,


 Rosanne Adams, Secretary

Approved by,

 04/30/13
 Rebecca Davis, Chairman Date