Present – Rebecca Davis (Chair), Donna Murphy, Robert Fisher, Rosanne Adams, Phil Lytle, Edward Strong

Absent – Bill Jacques

Meeting opened at 6:34 PM

BUSINESS

1. Minutes of April 22nd and May 6th were reviewed, corrections made. The Secretary will bring them back with corrections for the next meeting for final approval. Ed Suggested and it was AGREED to use a,b,c,d... instead of bullet points for items.

2. The Chair reported that she is still in the process of obtaining information on the ECSD budgets. The questions have been submitted to the Town Manager and she will be submitting others as well, including a request for the copy of the Police Contract and any others the Committee members might have tonight.

3. Police Department Budget –

   a. Ed shared the figures he has and recommended that we take out monies equaling ½ of the assistant chief's (Lieutenant) salary as well as the corresponding benefits. Based on his figures there would be something in there as a buffer for negotiations. The premise behind this is that the Police Chief has recommended that this position be shared with Kittery. Ed suggested that the Budget Committee should recommend that the Lieutenant position in Eliot should not be filled and that we go with the Chief's proposal. Even if the town decides not to accept the proposal to share the position, the Lieutenant's position could remain unfilled for 6 months and then be filled as the salary and benefit monies would cover those remaining 6 months. A decision will not be made till June (the one year anniversary of the sharing of the Chief and evaluation of that decision by the two towns)

   Lieutenant's salary (Eliot) - $65,855 ½ = $32,927

   Benefits - $35,576 $17,788

   Savings $50,715 minus Harbormaster = $45,415 Total savings to town

   Ed estimated that in order to reach last year's level we would need to reduce the Police Department budget by $53,109. This recommendation comes close to doing this. There was further discussion on the figures and Ed said she would re-do the figures for retirement and FICA. The Chair said she would confirm the % of salary and benefits it is proposed that Eliot would pay.

   b. Cruiser issue – Ed explained that there is money in the Kittery budget for a police cruiser and suggested that the oldest one we have could wait another year. We will be funding only a portion of the Chief's car.

4. DPW Budget:

   a. There was discussion on the replacement of the Old Field's Road Bridge and it was questioned why there was a need to replace it at this time.

b. There was discussion about the Road Reconstruction CIP and our recommendation. The Chair explained that our recommendation is $375,000. The original request was $500,000 ($465,000 for paving and $50,000 for the bridge replacement on Old Field's Road) The Selectman's recommendation is $465,000 and our reduction of $90,000 brings it to $375,000. Rosanne suggested that we recommend exact monies for specified roads since we have a list of the roads, the work proposed and costs for each. It was AGREED that we need see the road study before making final recommendations on this issue and the Chair will make the request to the Town Manager for a copy of that study.

c. Striping – There was discussion on the amount requested $21,000 and it was suggested that DOT monies should be used for this purpose. The Chair will ask the Town Manager for clarification on the uses of this money and if there is any state policy on this.

d. Guardrails – There was discussion on the amount and the need to be replacing guardrails at such a pace.

e. Budget – It was agreed that we needed clarification on this budget and to be sure we were using the latest (final) version of it. The Chair will ask the Town Manager to send us the final budget.

f. Transfer Station – Rosanne said she found on the budget sheet $15,000 budgeted for the Pay to Throw contract and that at a recent BOS meeting a contract was signed for $11,000 per year. This would mean we could recommend another $4000 be taken out of that budget

5. ECSD: The Chair noted that we need to rescind our recommendation of a $4000 reduction. It has already been taken out of their budget.

6. MOTION was made by Strong, 2nd Murphy to have the Chair compile our questions and then send out a copy to the members. VOTE: 5-0. Chair concurs.

7. MOTION by Strong, 2nd Murphy to adjourn. VOTE: 5-0. Chair concurs.

Meeting ended at 8:45pm

Respectfully Submitted by,

Rosanne Adams

Rosanne Adams, Recording Sec.

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