

Present: Donna Murphy (Chair) Robert Fisher, Edward Strong (via SKYPE), Rosanne Adams, Phil Lytle, Cindy Saklad (until 8:15pm)

Also present: 2 members of the public

Meeting opened at 6:30 PM.

BUSINESS

1. MOTION by Robert Fisher, 2nd Cindy Saklad to accept the minutes of March 16th as corrected. VOTE 4-0. Chair concurs in the affirmative. Edward Strong abstains as he was not present for the meeting.
2. MOTION by Robert Fisher, 2nd Phil Lytle to accept the minutes of March 19th as written. VOTE: 4-0. Chair concurs in the affirmative. Cindy Saklad abstains as she was not present for the meeting.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT:
 - a. Janet Saurman asked that people speak up when they talk so people watching the video can hear.
4. FINAL REVIEW OF THE BUDGET and WARRANT ARTICLE VOTES: Cindy noted that without the corrected spreadsheets, showing correct salaries and what the numbers would be in salaries and benefits given an increase of only 1.5% it was hard to follow the amounts given. The Chair noted that the Selectmen are still discussing what exactly will be the wording of the Storm Water Article. The Chair went over the votes of the Budget Committee that had been previously made:
 - a. Decrease of the 3% wage increase for non-union employees to 1.5% making it consistent with the Federal COLA rate.
 - b. Not recommending \$6000 for the Cemetery work under DPW department until a plan is developed.
 - c. To take \$32,000 from the CSD Building Account to fund the CSD Parks/Facilities CIP (Article 34)
 - d. Not to fund a new full-time DPW position.

The Committee went over the information contained in 2 documents- DPW letter dated March 30th giving more information and justification for the full-time DPW worker and cemetery request and a memo from Chief Short informing that he is looking at replacing 2 vehicles.

1. ARTICLE 20 – ADMINISTRATION: We had previously notified the Town Manager that the person cleaning the buildings has been budgeted at 40 hours, when they are working 20 hours/week. The Town Manager was going to run the new numbers. It was noted that this position would also be receiving a 3% increase.
 - a. Rosanne Adams made a MOTION, 2nd Robert Fisher that the correction be made to bring the cleaning position to 20 hours. VOTE: 5-0. Chair concurs in the affirmative. Cindy made objection to reducing the pay increase for this position from 3% to 1.5%.
2. ARTICLE 21 – HEARINGS AND ELECTIONS: MOTION by Edward Strong, 2nd Robert Fisher to accept as written. VOTE: 5-0. Chair concurs in the affirmative.

3. ARTICLE 22 – FIRE DEPARTMENT: Robert Fisher spoke to a bill before the Maine legislature that would provide for some benefits for volunteer fireman. Edward Strong thought that it probably would not take effect, if passed, until next year. Janet Saurman expressed that she was confused by the votes being taken without having the final numbers and asked if the recommendations of the Budget Committee include the # of votes each article receives from the committee. The Chair explained that the updated numbers have been requested by the Committee but have not yet been received and that the committee is under pressure to record its votes so they will be printed in the Warrant; at the town meeting those members of the Budget Committee who disagreed with the majority vote will then have an opportunity to address the votes.
4. ARTICLE 23 – POLICE DEPARTMENT: MOTION made by Edward Strong, 2nd Robert Fisher to recommend the amount of \$1,092,113. VOTE: 5-0 Chair concurs.
5. ARTICLE 24 – PUBLIC SAFETY: Edward Strong recommended taking out \$4750 from this budget - \$2000 from the Harbor Master's salary which presently is a 30% increase over last year's pay; Remove the Assistant Harbor Master position and remove \$2250; remove the \$500 for the lease of the boat.
 - a. The Chair brought up the use of a chip scanner for the animal control officer and those present expressed that this device might save the extra time and expense involved in taking the animal to the Kittery Animal Shelter to have it done there.
 - b. There was also some discussion on the cost of take an animal to the shelter (\$75) which is paid for by the town and having on \$50 of that reimbursed. It was felt the owner should pay for all costs and there should be no cost to the town.
 - c. There was discussion about the recommendation concerning the Harbormaster and the resulting MOTION by Edward Strong, 2nd Rosanne Adams to remove \$ 4250 (\$2000 from Harbormaster's salary and the Assistant Harbor Master position @ \$2250) with a resulting balance for this article of \$195,184. VOTE: 3-2 with Chair concurring in the affirmative.
6. ARTICLE 25 – PUBLIC WORKS: After discussion of the cost of a full time DPW worker VS the part-time summer maintenance position which would be discontinued there was a MOTION by Edward Strong, 2nd Robert Fisher to remove the full-time operator position resulting in a budget amount for this department of \$728,863. VOTE 4-0 with 1 abstention. Chair concurs in the affirmative.
7. ARTICLE 26 – SNOW REMOVAL: MOTION by Robert Fisher, 2nd Edward Strong to recommend \$206,304. VOTE: 5-0. Chair concurs
8. ARTICLE 28 – SUMMER MAINTENANCE: Discussed and there was no objection to adding back into this Article the part-time summer maintenance position which was removed by the Selectmen and which results in a recommendation of \$37,794 for this Article.
9. ARTICLE 33 – GENERAL ASSISTANCE: MOTION by Cindy Sakland, 2nd Phil Lytle to recommend the amount of \$38,000. VOTE: 5-0. Chair concurs.

10. ARTICLE 34 – CAPITAL RESERVES:

- a. Edward Strong noted that the Police Vehicle Reserve has a balance of \$39,000 and by reducing the funding of this by \$5000 to a total appropriation of \$41,000 the Chief could still replace 2 vehicles this year and have a balance of \$5000.
- b. Edward Strong spoke to the Fire Chief's comment that the station to be made an emergency shelter would have to have a new generator (\$20,000 asked for) and that Ed checked with the Red Cross and was informed that their organization would have to sanction such a site and that presently the emergency shelter for the town was at the Marshwood Middle School. He suggested that they could ask for the remainder of this year's request next year.
- c. Following discussion on these suggestions there were the following motions made:
 - i. MOTION by Edward Strong, 2nd Cindy Saklad to reduce the amount for the Police Vehicle Reserve to \$41,000. VOTE: 5-0. Chair concurs.
 - ii. MOTION by Edward Strong, 2nd Robert Fisher to reduce the amount for the Fire Department Facility CIP to \$12,500. VOTE: 3-2. Chair concurs in the affirmative.
 - iii. MOTION by Edward Strong, 2nd Cindy Saklad to recommend the amount of \$845,750 for Article 34. VOTE: 5-0. Chair concurs.

11. ARTICLE 35 – RESERVE ACCOUNTS: There was discussion on the Sick Leave Reserve and Contingency Fund accounts and their present balances, following which the following motions were made:

- a. MOTION by Edward Strong, 2nd Robert Fisher to reduce the Sick Leave Reserve by \$6000. VOTE: 5-0. Chair concurs.
- b. MOTION by Edward Strong, 2nd Robert Fisher to reduce the Contingency Fund by \$7213 bringing the recommendation for Article 35 to \$60,787. VOTE: 4-1. Chair concurs in the affirmative.
- c. MOTION by Edward Strong, 2nd Robert Fisher to recommend \$60,787 for Article 35. VOTE: 5-0. Chair concurs.

12. ARTICLE 28 – SUMMER MAINTENANCE: MOTION by Edward Strong, 2nd Robert Fisher to recommend \$37,794 for Article 28. VOTE: 4-0. Chair concurs.13. ARTICLE 29 – ROADS and BRIDGES: MOTION by Edward Strong, 2nd Phil Lytle to recommend \$10,500 for Article 29. VOTE: 4-0. Chair concurs.

14. ARTICLE 30 – TRANSFER STATION: It was AGREED to wait till the next meeting to vote on this Article as we are waiting on additional information on salaries.

15. ARTICLE 31 – STORM WATER: There was some discussion about the process of determining the work to be done and it was questioned whether it could be done in phases. The Selectmen are

scheduled to discuss again at this week's meeting and there may be new information. MOTION by Edward Strong, 2nd Robert Fisher to postpone the vote on Article 31. VOTE: 3-1. Chair concurs in the affirmative.

16. ARTICLE 32 – COMMUNITY SERVICE DEPARTMENT: It was noted that we are waiting for additional information on the salaries. AGREED to postpone the discussion and vote.
17. ARTICLE 36 – DEBT SERVICE: MOTION by Edward Strong, 2nd Rosanne Adams to recommend \$37,454 for the Police Bond. VOTE: 3-1. Chair concurs in the affirmative.
18. ARTICLE 37 – TOWN COMMITTEES: MOTION by Edward Strong, 2nd Robert Fisher to recommend \$27,694. VOTE: 4-0. Chair concurs.
19. ARTICLE 38 – WILLIAM FOGG LIBRARY: There was discussion on the information/lack of information provided and that they had a good year investment-wise. MOTION by Edward Strong, 2nd Phil Lytle to reduce the request to the same as last year - \$130,500. VOTE: 4-0. Chair concurs.
20. ARTICLE 39 – OUTSIDE AGENCIES/GROUPS: Phil Lytle spoke to restoring the York County Commission on Aging's request to the article. MOTION by Edward Strong, 2nd Robert Fisher to remove the \$500 for York County Shelters and recommend \$13,998 for Article 39. VOTE: 3-1. Chair concurs in the affirmative.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

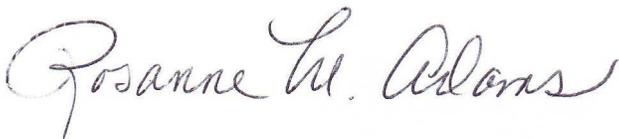
a. Robert Pomerleau spoke to the bonding article for the Sewer expressing his displeasure with the wording and the Selectmen's stance of splitting the cost between the tax payers and sewer users. He had hoped they would take a different position but they aren't leaning toward having just the sewer users pay for the bond. He also spoke on importance of having a tool like SKYPE so that as many members can participate as possible.

6. There was some general discussion on the increase of the school budget and the impact on our taxes. Edward Strong noted that the town has reached a point where over 50% of the municipal budget is in salaries and benefits.

7. Next meeting: April 6th at 6:30pm.

8. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm upon the MOTION of Robert Fisher, Edward Strong 2nd. VOTE: 4-0. Chair concurs.

Respectfully Submitted by



Rosanne Adams, Recording Sec.

Date Approved: April 14, 2015