

Present: Donna Murphy (Chair) Robert Fisher, Edward Strong (via SKYPE), Rosanne Adams, Phil Lytle, Cindy Saklad and 2 members of the public.

Meeting opened at 6:30 PM.

BUSINESS

1. REVIEW OF WARRANT ARTICLES AND VOTING:

- a. Edward Strong sent a worksheet showing the articles and the changes that have been voted on and/or suggested and with the increase in pay limited to 1.5% as opposed to the BoS recommended 3%.
- b. The Chair spoke about what transpired at the BoS meeting and that there was some support for removing the video-streaming budget and that she had suggested that some of the work for the Storm Water could possibly be contracted out, resulting in a savings for the town.
- c. Phil Lytle suggested that the appropriation might be reduced and the storm water work might be stretched out a little longer and then to see what work the town employees might be able to do.
- d. The Chair pointed out that initially the cost of the storm water was \$125,000 for 2016 and \$120,000 for 2017.
- e. ARTICLE 31 – STORM WATER: Motion by Edward Strong, 2nd Robert Fisher to recommend \$195,500 and that if we receive any new information the Committee can always move to reduce it on the floor of the town meeting. VOTE: 4-1. Chair concurs in the affirmative.
- f. ARTICLE 18 – ESTIMATED REVENUES: The Committee, in keeping with the previous vote to use \$32,000 from the CSD Building Fund to fund the CSD /Parks Facilities CIP (Article 34) revised the total for this Article to \$2,155,814. No objection was made.
- g. ARTICLE 20 – ADMINISTRATION: MOTION by Edward Strong, 2nd Robert Fisher to remove \$ 16,514 which brings the Building Cleaning position to a corrected 20 hours per week and to remove 1.5% of the increase in salary and benefits. VOTE: 3-2. Chair concurs in the affirmative.
- h. Phil Lytle and Cindy Saklad went on the record as being against reducing the salary increase for non-union employees from 3% to 1.5%. (They made it clear that they supported the other recommendations in the motions that were to be made, but not the 1.5% salary increase reduction that was included in the motions for the warrant articles.)
- i. ARTICLE 21 - HEARINGS AND ELECTIONS: Voted on at previous meeting.
- j. ARTICLE 22 – FIRE DEPARTMENT: MOTION by Edward Strong, 2nd Robert Fisher to remove \$582 which represents a 1.5% reduction in the salary/benefit increase of 3% resulting in a total recommended appropriation of \$157,587. VOTE 3-2. Chair concurs in the affirmative.
- k. ARTICLE 23 – POLICE DEPARTMENT: MOTION by Robert Fisher, 2nd Edward Strong to remove \$2085 which represents a 1.5% reduction in the salary/benefit increase of 3% resulting in a total recommended appropriation of \$1,090,028. VOTE 3-2. Chair concurs in the affirmative.
- l. ARTICLE 24 – PUBLIC SAFETY: Voted on at previous meeting.

- m. ARTICLE 25 – PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: MOTION by Edward Strong, 2nd Robert Fisher to remove \$65,651 for the funding a full-time operator and to remove \$1558 which represents a 1.5% reduction in the salary/benefit increase of 3% resulting in a total recommended appropriation of \$727,305. VOTE 3-2. Chair concurs in the affirmative.
- n. ARTICLE 26 – SNOW REMOVAL: Voted on at previous meeting.
- o. ARTICLE 28 – SUMMER MAINTENANCE: MOTION by Robert Fisher, 2nd Edward Strong to add to this \$16,039 for a part-time summer employee and to removed \$6000 for cemetery care and to remove \$368 which represents a 1.5% reduction in the salary/benefit increase of 3% resulting in a total recommended appropriation of \$37,426. VOTE 3-2. Chair concurs in the affirmative.
- p. ARTICLE 29 – ROADS AND BRIDGES: Voted on at previous meeting.
- q. ARTICLE 30 – TRANSFER STATION: MOTION by Edward Strong, 2nd Robert Fisher to remove \$966 which represents a 1.5% reduction in the salary/benefit increase of 3% resulting in a total recommended appropriation of \$269,665. VOTE 3-2. Chair concurs in the affirmative.
- r. ARTICLE 31 – STORM WATER: Voted on at previous meeting.
- s. ARTICLE 32 – COMMUNITY SERVICE DEPARTMENT: MOTION by Edward Strong, 2nd Robert Fisher to remove \$2770 which represents a 1.5% reduction in the salary/benefit increase of 3% resulting in a total recommended appropriation of \$140,826. VOTE 3-2. Chair concurs in the affirmative.
- t. ARTICLE 33 – GENERAL ASSISTANCE: Voted on at previous meeting.
- u. ARTICLE 34 – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS: Voted on at previous meeting.
- v. ARTICLE 35 – RESERVE ACCOUNTS: Voted on at previous meeting.
- w. ARTICLE 36 – DEBT SERVICE: Voted on at previous meeting.
- x. ARTICLE 37 – TOWN COMMITTEES: Voted on at previous meeting.
- y. ARTICLE 38 – WILLIAM FOGG LIBRARY: Voted on at previous meeting.
- z. ARTICLE 39 – OUTSIDE AGENCIES: Voted on at previous meeting.

2. DISCUSSION/REPORTS:

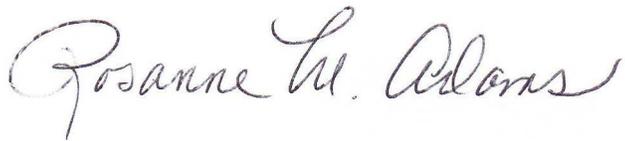
- a. The Chair offered to ask the Town Manager to ask the DPW director if he could estimate how much would be saved by the town employees doing some of the Storm Water work, as was suggested by Phil.
- b. Edward Strong noted that with the reductions and additions now having been voted on by the Budget Committee there is a resulting \$195,826 in reductions to the Selectmen's proposed budget.
- c. The Chair reported she has been working on our report for the town book and will work to get it out for review by members for the next meeting on Tuesday the 14th of April.
- d. Phil Lytle said that he believed the paving budget could be reduced.

- e. There was some discussion about the use of reserve funds and the past practice by the Selectmen of using them for other than what they were intended for. It was brought up that in the past the Selectmen have violated their own policy and not put monies, so called for in their own policies, back into the general fund. Edward Strong noted that the Town Manager has assured us that monies in Reserve and Capital accounts will only be used for the purpose intended and we'll have to give him the benefit of the doubt and see what happens.
- f. The Chair noted that the Budget Committee recommendations we are within the LD1 limit, and we are \$89,567.60 over last year's spending.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Next Meeting: April 14th (Regular scheduled meeting)

Respectfully Submitted by



Rosanne Adams, Recording Sec.

Date Approved: April 14, 2015