

Minutes from Budget Committee Meeting 1-31-18

No quorum so meeting was delayed.

Call to order 7:44

Attendee:

Budget Committee:

Skip Wood, Chris Gilpatrick, Deborah Wilson, Jennie Clavet, Jeri Basko, Rebecca Beal

Selectmen:

Chip Harlow, Laura Bragg

Adjustment/Approval of Jan. 24, 1018 meeting minutes—tabled

Budget Discussions:

- 92-01 Summer Camp - rescheduled for 2-21-18 - no quorum
- 65-01 Relief Agencies - letter from agencies not received yet- - tabled to reschedule
- 80-01 Cemeteries
  - Prospect Hill has money in trust for perpetual care.
  - Forest Grove Cemetery has a Board of Trustees.
  - Last year budget \$49,000 due to the uncertainties with acquisition of Prospect Hill Cemetery.
  - Chip will put \$10,000 into escrow (retainer) at Bernstein-Shur.
  - Money in escrow would cover legal expenses incurred with cemetery trust funds.
  - It was decided that \$1,000 is enough for Memorial Day flags.
  - Rebecca motioned to reduce Cemetery budget to \$20,000. Seconded by Deborah. All in favor. With the flags for Memorial Day, the total will be \$21,000.
- 03-01 Legal - Retainer with Bernstein-Shur for trust work on Prospect Hill Cemetery.
- 99-01 CIPS
  - Fire & EMS - will do this with the Fire & EMS budget.
  - Roads, paving, equipment - Will do this with the Highways budget.
  - New Bridge Rd. Bridge.
    - States of NH and ME are each paying 40% of the cost of reconstruction.
    - Milton and Lebanon share the remaining 20%.
    - The total cost of the bridge is about \$1.4 million.
    - Lebanon is responsible for raising 10% or \$40,000 for 3 or 4 years.
  - Building Maintenance - The balance at the end of 2017 was \$28,985.
  - The Fire Station 1 will need a new floor. A Civil Engineer is in charge of the project. Estimate is around \$20,000
  - The Town Office needs roof repairs because it leaks.

New Business

- Chris suggested starting our meetings with the Pledge of Alligence
  - Chris made the motion. Skip seconded. Motion passed.
  - We will start next week.

Old Business:

- “Points” under wages has been changed to “other”

- Legal YTD - we have it.
- Revenue/library/donations - We will do it next week.
- Secretary - Stephanie Greenlaw attend first meeting only.
  - Consensus - she needs to resign so her position can be filled.
- Budget Committee bylaws were change by the Selectmen before the public vote in June.
  - Committee had made a provision that a person is considered resigned and can be replaced if they miss a certain number of meetings.
  - Future discussion and possible change proposal on the warrant in the Spring.
- Discussion of an ordinance for the Transfer Station.
  - Revisit the Transfer Station budget because “demo” had doubled every year.
  - It is illogical to think that twice as many couches, etc., are being replaced by households in Lebanon each year.
  - We have no policy to enforce.
  - Recyclables are going to cost more because we are paying WM more due to a decrease in demand from China.
- Discussion of commercial haulers information received from MDEP, regarding state regulations and licensing requirements.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018 at the Lebanon Town Office at 7:00 p.m.

Jeri made a motion to Adjourn. Seconded by Chris.

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.