

Budget Committee Meeting Minutes – January 17, 2024

Meeting began at 7:03 pm

Officer Nominations

- Voting on the president was next and by Elaine Hartford and seconded by Chris Gilpatrick. They nominated Jeri Basko (who was absent from the meeting at the time). Yes 5 No 0 Abstain 1
- Voting on the vice president was next and by Elaine Hartford and seconded by Theresa Hartford. They nominated Chris Gilpatrick. Yes 5 No 0 Abstain 1
- Voting on the secretary was next and by Chris Gilpatrick and seconded by Robert Travers. They nominated Theresa Hartford. Yes 5 No 0 Abstain 2

Budget Discussions

- Animal Control Officer. There was a motion made by Elaine Hartford to drop the whole budget from \$13,764.00 to \$9,000. It was seconded by Chris Gilpatrick. Yes 4 No 1 Abstain 2
 - Deborah Wilson makes a motion to table the budget until we have better documentation of the budget and an updated report it was seconded by Robert Travers. Yes 4 No 2 Abstain 0 With this the budget is still at \$9,000.00.
- Legal. Was talked about leaving it at \$40,000.00 like the last 2 years. Deborah Wilson made a motion to leave it at \$40,000.00 and was seconded by Robert Travers. Another motion was amended by Chris Gilpatrick to drop the budget down to \$35,000.00 and seconded by Elaine Hartford. Yes 5 No 2 Abstain 0
- Contingency Fund. The Selectboard wants to raise it to \$60,000.00 from \$50,000.00 last year.
 - Then it was decided to table the contingency fund due to the 2023-2024 spending report not being up to date after the vote in November and that money not being moved over yet. The report we were given from 12/29/23 not being as current as possible. Deborah Wilson made the motion to table this budget until we get the updated balance and the money being moved to the proper places within the

budgets. It was seconded by Robert Travers. Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0

- Library budget. Everything stayed the same besides asking for more money for books. We decided to table the budget until we get an idea genre being bought from the librarian. This motion was done by Jeri Basko and seconded by Elaine Hartford. Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0
- General assistance budget was the following budget coordinator wanted an increase in the budget in the following line items:
 - heating fuel \$1500 to \$2000
 - rent \$4000 to \$5000
 - fuel \$750 to \$1000
 - misc. \$500 to \$750

With a total of the budget going up by \$2000

The selectman decided to keep the budget the same and add more money to the contingency fund. Robert Travers made a motion to accept the budget at the \$7500 and it was seconded by Theresa Hartford.

Yes 5 No 2 Abstain 0

- Relief Agency was put to \$0 last year and it was decided to keep it at the same amount again this year. The motion was made by Robert Travers and Seconded by Chris Gilpatrick. Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 1

Dave White made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Robert Travers.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:04PM