

# **Lebanon Budget Committee**

## **Meeting Minutes**

11-4-15

Members Present - Becky Batchelder, Laura Bragg, Judy Churchard, Corinna Cole, Chris Gilpatrick, Chip Harlow, Bettie Harris-Howard, Nancy Neubert, Skip Wood

Selectmen Present - Chairperson Thompson

Department Heads Present - Gary Getchell, John Bozak

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Harlow at 6:30. Minutes of the Sept. 10 meeting were approved with Corinna Cole's name corrected by a unanimous vote of 9-0. The selectmen will vote on appointing Corinna Cole a regular member of the Committee due to Tommy Torno's resignation. The selectmen are still searching for another alternate. Minutes should be sent to Sue Collins to be posted on the town website.

### **Planning Board**

Garry Getchell, Planning Board Chair, presented his budget. His budget shows a 30% increase due to increased regulatory demands from the state, 2 new sub divisions coming soon to the board and plans to move the Planning Board clerk into the town office building. Getchell stated that this increase may not be enough if any future sub divisions come before the Board. There will not be enough money in the postage line if they continue to use certified letters to notify abutters. The phone/internet line was increased to \$600. due to the unknown timeline for moving the Clerk into the office. Postage was increased to \$600. and advertising to \$500. (2 ads are required for each hearing). Total budget \$12,654. The Board is increasing the final lot fees from \$150. per lot to \$1200. per lot which will offset the increase in their budget.

### **Conservation Commission**

Chair John Bozak presented his budget. There is no money in the Association Dues for this year. A new line item will be added for Outside Services at \$200. This would be used by the Commission to bring in some speakers for the town. The Supplies line item will include railings for the Gully Oven stairway, printing trail brochures and invasive aquatic plant training materials for a total of \$300. Total budget - \$500.

## **Appeals Board**

Bettie Harris-Howard spoke about this budget. This board gets back most of the money that it spends. If someone comes to the Appeals Board, they are required to pay the appeal costs. The Board has to take out ads in the paper for every appeal and they have some supply costs. Total Budget - \$250.

## **CMP No Spray**

CMP cuts the power lines every 2 years but bills the town every year for accounting purposes. This is a contracted amount. Total Budget - \$22,199.

## **Schedule**

The Committee discussed the remainder of the schedule. The goal is to vote on all items by March 2. The public vote will be held on May 10 (?) along with the school budget vote. Upcoming budgets -

11-11 - Dispatch, General Assistance, Mapping, Legal Fees

11-18 - ACO, Relief Agencies, Recreation, Summer Camp, and Contingency

12 - 2 - Insurance, EMA, Lebanon Festival and CEO

The bigger budgets will be presented in January. Chip will send out a schedule as soon as he has confirmation from department heads.

Motion to adjourn was made by Laura and seconded by Chris. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy W. Neubert

**Accepted 11-11-15**