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Minutes
Board of Selectmen
Budget Committee

Date: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 **Time:** 6:00 pm **Place:** Remote Only, Zoom
REV:0

Selectboard Present: Jan Gaudio, John Spear and Walter Reitz
Budget Committee Members Present: Sondra Wallace, Robert Baines, Moira Paddock, Kate Greene, Jeff Northgraves, Beverly St. Clair, Camille Minikis, Linda Maltais
Others Present: Pennie Alley, John Koffel, Gerald and Carolyn Grierson

I. Call to Order

Reitz called the meeting to order at 6:02

II. Adjustments to Agenda

There was one adjustment to the agenda. At the conclusion of this meeting the board will continue as a selectboard or consider executive session to discuss a Personnel matter. 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(a)

III. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda

There was no public comment.

IV. Approve Minutes

The Budget committee approved their minutes of March 30, 2021 and Nov 5, 2020.

Gaudio moved and Spear seconded a motion to approve the minutes of March 30, 2021 as amended.

Motion passed 3-0

V. 2021-2022 Budget Review
a. Town Road
Department 610

Baines presented Grierson's Budget. There was a discussion on paving.

The Budget Committee tabled the Town Roads.

Spear moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to table the Town Roads budget until the following night.

Motion passed 3-0

The Budget Committee tabled the Paving Reserve.

Spear moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to table the Paving Reserve until the following night.

Motion passed 3-0

**b. Solid Waste
Department 630**

Baines presented Grierson's Solid Waste Budget.

The Budget Committee preliminarily approved 630 Solid Waste in the amount of \$462,862.

There was a discussion on the transfer station and demo debris facility (stump dump).

Gaudio moved and Spear seconded a motion to approve 630 Solid Waste in the amount of \$462,862.

Motion passed 2-1

c. Town Landing

Baines presented the budget.

The Budget Committee preliminarily approved the budget in the amount of \$6278.

Spear moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to preliminarily approve the Town Landing budget in the amount of \$6278

Motion passed 3-0

d. Administration

Baines presented the budget.

The Budget Committee voted to preliminarily approve the Administration budget in the amount of \$391,186.

Spear discussed the Town Administrator salary increase. Spear opposes the performance awards line and made a motion to reduce the proposed Administration budget by \$3,750.

Motioned died

There was a brief discussion on performance awards, salaries and hiring.

Spear moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to preliminarily approve the Administration budget in the amount of \$391,186.

Motion passes 3-0.

**e. Social Services
640**

Baines presented the budget. Paddock explained general assistance for the new members.

The Budget Committee preliminarily approved the Social Services budget in the amount of \$2250.

Gaudio moved and Spear seconded a motion to preliminary fund 640 Social Services in the amount of 2250.

This ended the agenda items for March 31st.

There was a discussion on building and grounds improvements and LD1.

The Selectboard and Budget Committee opted to take up Debt Service and Recreation budgets.

**f. Debt Service
670**

Baines presented the budget.

The Budget Committee preliminarily approved the Debt Service budget in the amount of \$80,379.

Spear moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to preliminarily approve the Debt Service budget in the amount of \$80,379.

**g. Recreation
680**

Baines presented the Recreation budget.

There was a discussion of Oceanside Little League. Money is budgeted in dues Fees and travel to support South Thomaston players in the league. Spear gave an update on the tennis/basketball courts project.

The Budget Committee preliminarily approved the Recreation budget in the amount of \$5505.

Gaudio moved and Spear seconded a motion to preliminary fund Recreation in the amount of \$5505.

Motion passed 3-0

Spear moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(a) to discuss a Personnel matter.

Motion passed 3-0

The Selectboard entered executive session at 8:40.

The Selectboard exited executive session at 9:12

Spear moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to adjust the Fire Chief's pay for the 6 month period of the 18-month budget to \$3933 and we adjust the Fire Chief's pay for the 12-month period to \$ 9,366. This will be his annual base.

Motion passed 3-0

Gaudio moved and Spear seconded a motion to raise the Deputy Chief's pay for the 6 month period to \$1,560 and the 12-month period to \$3,220.

Motion passed 3-0.

VI. Adjournment

Spear moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:15 pm.

Motion passed 3-0.

Selectboard approved April 6, 2021