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**Minutes**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Budget Committee**

**Date:** Thursday, April 1, 2021    **Time:** 6:00 pm    **Place:** Remote Only, Zoom    **REV:0**

**Selectboard Present:** Jan Gaudio, John Spear and Walter Reitz  
**Budget Committee Members Present:** Moira Paddock, Bob Baines, Linda Maltais, Beverly St. Clair, Kate Greene, Sondra Wallace, Jeff Northgraves  
**Others Present:** Pennie Alley, Betty Thomas, John Koffel

**I. Call to Order**

*Reitz called the meeting to order at 6:00*

**II. Adjustments to Agenda**

*Revisit the Roads Budget.*

**III. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda**

*There was no public comment.*

**IV. Approve Minutes**

*The Budget Committee approved the minutes of March 31, 2021*

**V. 2021-2022 Budget Review**

**a. Unclassified Public Safety**

*Baines presented the Unclassified Safety budget.  
There was a discussion on dispatch and mileage for EMA.*

*The Budget Committee approved preliminarily \$64,650.*

**Reserve.**

*There was a discussion on the Emergency Disaster Reserve fund and its use.  
Current balance is \$5,725. Request for funding is \$10,000.*

*Budget Committee preliminarily approved the reserve account in the amount of \$10,000*

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*Spear moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to preliminarily approve the Unclassified Public Safety budget in the amount of \$64,650.*

**Motion passed 2-0.**

*Spear moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to preliminary approve the Emergency Disaster Reserve in the amount of \$10,000.*

**Motion passed 2-0.**

**b. Cemetery-GRSF-Veterans**

*Cemetery Overseer Alley presented the budget. She said she needs to add funding of Avenue 8 at the Village Cemetery. Only 2 full and 2 half lots remain to be sold. Alley would like to add \$5,000 to create the new avenue. There was a discussion on building a new avenue. Alley thought the last avenue was paid for from the Road budget.*

*The Budget Committee preliminarily approved the Cemetery-GRSF-Veteran's budget in the amount of \$28,700.*

*Spear moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to preliminary approve 695 Cemetery-GRSF-Veteran's budget in the amount of \$28,700.*

**Reserve**

*The Budget Committee preliminarily approved \$1000 for the Cemetery Reserve account.*

*There was a discussion on developing the 131 property.*

*Spear moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to preliminary approve \$1000 for the Cemetery Reserve account.*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

**c. Library**

*Library Director Alley presented the budget.*

*Alley left her budget mostly the same. She upped the book budget slightly.*

*The Budget Committee preliminarily approved the Library budget in the amount of \$3503.*

*Gaudio moved and Spear seconded a motion to preliminary approve 650 Library Budget in the amount of \$3503.*

**d. 610 Roads revisited.**

*There was a discussion on line 894 Island Road Reconstruction and on paving.*

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*The Budget Committee preliminarily approved the 610 Road budget in the amount of \$284,820.*

*Gaudio moved and Spear seconded a motion to preliminarily approve 610 Road budget in the amount of \$284,820.*

*Spear brought up that we have a lot of berm problems. The budget may need to be increased. He is also concerned about having money for striping on Westbrook Street. Gaudio also mentioned striping the crosswalk.*

**Motion passed 3-0**

**Reserves**

*Budget Committee preliminary approved adding \$50,000 into the Paving Reserve account.*

*There was a discussion on Paving in 2020.*

*Gaudio moved and Spear seconded a motion to preliminary approve 1206 Paving Reserve in the amount of \$50,000.*

**Motion passed 3-0**

**e. Recreation**

*This budget was taken up on March 31, 2021*

**f. Debt Service**

*This was taken up on March 31, 2021*

**g. Revenues/Funding**

*Discussion on spending surplus and how much the Town has.*

**h. Vote on Budget**

**Postponed until Monday**

**VI. Adjournment**

*Spear moved Gaudio seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:02*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

**Selectboard approved April 6, 2021**