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Minutes
Board of Selectmen
Budget Committee

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

Selectboard Members Present: Jan Gaudio, Walter Reitz, and John Spear
Budget Committee Members Present: Jeff Northgraves, Moira Paddock, Linda Maltais, Kate Greene, Bob Baines, Sondra Wallace, Beverly St. Clair
Other Present: Terri-Lynn Baines, Pennie Alley, Maureen Spencer, John Koffel, Ed Modell

Note: A listing as present does not denote attendance for the entire meeting.

This meeting was convened April 6, 2021 due to a Spectrum Internet outage preventing the meeting from being held on April 5, 2021.

I. Call to Order

Reitz called the meeting to order at 6:00

II. Adjustments to Agenda

Discuss Selectboard schedule at the end of the meeting.

III. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda

There was no public comment.

IV. Approve Minutes

Gaudio moved to approve the minutes of March 31, 2021 and April 1, 2021 as written. Spear had edits. Motion withdrawn. Gaudio moved and Spear seconded a motion to approve minutes as edited.

The Budget Committee approved their minutes of April 1, 2021

Motion passed 3-0

V. 2021-2022 Budget Review

- a. Review any budgets still needing review and Vote on Final Budget – If needed.

Administration

Dept 510

Reitz moved and Spear seconded a motion to approve and recommend to the town to fund Dept 51 with \$262,948 from appropriation, \$88,130 from Anticipated Revenues and \$40,007 from Excise for a total of \$ \$391,085.

Motion passed 3-0

Assessors

520

Reitz moved and Spear seconded a motion to approve and recommend to the town to Fund Dept 520 with \$40,644 from appropriation, \$30,000 from excise and \$2,250 from surplus for a total of \$72,894.

Motion passed 3-0

Northgraves discussed surplus and how he arrived at the surplus number. If it was something budgeted in 2020 and not used and then budgeted in 2021, surplus is used. The other "rule" is if it is a onetime item.

Reitz moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to approve and recommend to the town to fund the Reval Reserve \$10,000 from appropriation.

Motion passed 3-0

Planning Board/Board of Appeals

Dept 530

Reitz moved and Spear seconded a motion to approve and recommend to the town to Fund Dept 530 with \$1660 from appropriation, and \$810 from surplus for a total of \$2470.

Motion passed 3-0

Building and Grounds

Dept 540

Reitz moved and Spear seconded a motion to approve and recommend to the town to fund Dept 540 with \$54,532 from appropriation and \$25,000 from excise for a total of \$79,532.

There was a discussion on the unanticipated and facility maintenance lines.

Reitz withdrew his motion

Spear moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to approve and recommend to the town to fund Department 540 with \$25,000 from excise and \$59,532 from appropriation for a total of \$84,532.

Motion passed 3-0

**Town Landing
Dept 550**

Reitz moved and Spear seconded a motion the Selectboard approve and recommend to the Town a budget of \$6,278 funded with boat excise.

Motion passed 3-0.

**CEO/LPI
Dept 560**

Reitz moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to approve and recommend to the town to fund Department 560 with \$12,000 from excise, \$11,008 from appropriation, \$14,256 from anticipated revenue and \$1,500 from surplus for a total of \$38,764.

Motion passed 3-0.

**Fire department
Dept 580**

Reitz moved and Spear seconded a motion to approve and recommend to the town to fund Dept 570 with \$155,650 from appropriation, \$34,455 from excise, \$6,335 from reserves and \$9,500 from surplus for a total of \$205,940.

Reitz withdrew his motion

The board discussed the exhaust system and the possibility of a receiving a grant.

Spear moved to reduce line 534 to \$15,000, reduce appropriation to \$152,650 and approve Department 570 in the amount of \$202,940.

Motion passed 3-0

**Ambulance
Dept 580**

Reitz moved and Spear seconded a motion to approve and recommend to the town to fund department 580 with \$232,252 from appropriation, \$85,925 from anticipated revenues and \$34,00 from excise. For a total of \$352,177.

Motion passed 3-0.

**General Public Safety
Dept 590**

Reitz moved and Spear seconded a motion to approve and recommend to the town to fund Department 590 with \$33,650 from appropriation, \$700 from anticipated revenues, \$29,000 from excise and \$1,300 from surplus for a total of \$64,650.

Motion passed 3-0.

**Streetlights
Dept 600**

Reitz moved and Spear seconded a motion to approve and recommend to the town to fund Department 600 with \$4,248 from appropriation.

There was a discussion on the need for a maintenance line. \$1,000 was added to line 836 maintenance/repairs.

Reitz withdrew his motion.

Spear moved and Reitz seconded a motion to approve Street lights at \$5,280 funded with \$4,280 from appropriation and \$1,000 from surplus.

Motion passed 3-0.

**Public Works
Department 610.**

Reitz moved and Spear seconded a motion to approve and recommend to the town to fund Department 610 with, \$46,024 from anticipated revenue, \$214,341 from excise and \$26,000 from surplus for a total of \$286,365.

There were discussions on the Island Road Project and striping.

Reitz withdrew his motion.

Spear moved to add \$3,200 to strip the yellow line on Westbrook street funded from excise.

Spear withdrew his motion

Spear moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to add \$3,200 to striping for Westbrook Street, reduce line 857 install culverts by \$2,000, line 877 gravel by \$1,000 and line 882 miscellaneous by \$200.

Motion passed 3-0

**Solid Waste
Dept 630**

Reitz moved and Spear seconded a motion to approve and recommend to the town to fund Department 630 with \$306,665 from appropriation, \$5,900 from anticipated revenue, \$24,000 from excise and \$126,296 from reserves for a total of \$462,861.

Motion passed 3-0.

**General Assistance
Dept. 640**

Reitz moved and Spear seconded a motion to approve and recommend to the town a budget of \$2250 for Department 640 with \$1,125 coming from anticipated revenue and \$1,125 coming from appropriation.

Motion passed 3-0.

Library

Dept 650

Reitz moved and Spear seconded a motion to approve and recommend to the town to fund Library Department 650 with \$3,503 from appropriation.

Motion passed 3-0

Recreation

Dept 680

Reitz moved and Spear seconded a motion the Selectboard approve and recommend a budget in the amount of \$5,505 to be funded by excise.

There was a discussion on purchasing nets.

Motion passed 3-0.

Debt Service

670

Reitz moved and Spear seconded a motion the Selectboard approve and recommend to the town a budget of \$80,379 for debt service \$60,379 by appropriation and \$20,000 from excise.

Motion passed 3-0.

Cemetery-GRSF-Veterans

Reitz moved and Spear seconded a motion the Selectboard approve and recommend to the town a budget of \$28,070 for Cemetery-GRSF-Veterans \$13,794 by appropriation, \$2,304 from anticipated revenue and \$11,972 from excise.

There were discussions on creating Avenue 8. \$5,000 may not be quite enough, using the Cemetery Reserve for Avenue 8, establishing the Anderson Cemetery on Rt #131 and the Anderson Cemetery Reserve and Cemetery Reserve being combined.

Motion passed 3-0

Capital Expense

Reitz moved and Spear seconded a motion the Selectboard approve and recommend to the town a budget of \$8,232 for Capital Expense, funded from surplus.

Motion passed 3-0.

Reserves

Fire Truck Reserve \$ 52,900

Fire Equipment Reserve	\$ 15,000
Ambulance Defib Reserve	\$ 5,000
Town Landing Reserve	\$ 3,637
Paving Reserve	\$ 50,000
Cemetery Reserve	\$ 1,000
Emergency Disaster Reserve	\$ 10,000

Reitz moved and Spear seconded a motion to fund the Reserves in the amounts of \$73,900 from appropriation, \$53,637 from excise and \$10,000 from surplus for a total of \$137,537

\$10,000 was voted on to fund the Reval Reserve earlier in the meeting.
Total Reserve \$147,537

Motion passed 3-0.

There was a brief discussion on surplus and a discussion on the mil rate.

The Board discussed the meetings of the 13th and the 14th.

VI. Adjournment

Gaudio moved and Spear seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:33 pm

Motion passed 3-0.

Selectboard Approved 4/13/2021