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Minutes
Board of Selectmen
Budget Committee

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

Selectboard Present: Jan Gaudio, John Spear, Walter Reitz

Budget Committee: Moira Paddock, Beverly St. Clair, Linda Maltais, Jeff Northgraves, Sondra Wallace, Kate Green, Robert Baines

Others Present: Terri-Lynn Baines, Maureen Spencer, Pennie Alley, Anne Norman, Ed Modell, Merle Rockwell, Bob Surabian, Ruth Rinklin, Paul Dimaggio, Catherine Bendheim, Allan Hall, Candace and Leo Smith, Theo Pratt, Guy Scalzi, Sandy Weisman, Palmer, Sally Merchant, Charles Crawford.

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

I. Call to Order

Reitz called the meeting to order at 6:01.

II. Adjustments to Agenda

Recommitment of Taxes
Tax Article on Draft Town Meeting Warrant
Solar Farm Ordinance

III. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda

There was no public comment.

IV. Building and Grounds Budget

Baines explained the sum error in the spread sheet in the Building and Grounds budget under contracted services.

The Budget Committee voted to approve the Building and Grounds budget in the amount of \$89,762.

V. Funding Recommendation Regarding Potential Library Relocation to Gilford Butler School

Article 12 on the draft town meeting warrant. "To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate to fund the preparation for temporary occupancy of the former Gilford Butler School Building by the South Thomaston Library.

The Budget Committee, Selectboard and zoom attendees discussed, at length, whether to support a budget committee motion to recommend \$20,000 in funding towards the library temporarily relocating to the Gilford Butler School.

The Budget committee voted to not support \$20,000 for Article 12.
The Budget committee voted to recommend no amount for Article 12.

Spear made a motion to recommend \$10,000 for Article 12.

There was no second.

Gaudio moved and Reitz seconded a motion the Selectboard recommend the sum of \$0 for Article 12.

A discussion followed.

Motion passed 2-1, Spear opposed.

VI. \$5000 for Axiom Study for Broadband

*Spear moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to table until the May 11th meeting.
A brief discussion followed.*

Motion passed 3-0

VII. Resignation of Mo Dube as CEO/LPI

Spear moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Mo Dube as CEO/LPI effective May 27, 2021.

Motion passed 3-0

Spear worked on a draft ad for the Courier, the Town Website, and the MMA job listing which the Board agreed Spear should publish.

VIII. Certificate of Settlement/Recommitment of Taxes

Spear moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to approve the Certificate of Settlement to Owen Casas in the amount of \$174,423.43.

Motion passed 3-0

Spear moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to recommit the taxes to Terri Baines in the amount of \$175,387.46.

Motion passes 3-0.

IX. Article 32. on Draft Town Meeting Warrant

Spear recommended changing the wording to:

To see if the Town will vote to charge interest on all delinquent taxes at the rate of 6 % per annum, computed on a daily basis and to establish two due dates for property taxes, with one-half of the tax amount due October 1, 2021, and one-half of the tax amount due April 1, 2022.

Spear moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to have Article 32 read:

To see if the Town will vote to charge interest on all delinquent taxes at the rate of 6 % per annum, computed on a daily basis and to establish two due dates for property taxes, with one-half of the tax amount due October 1, 2021, and one-half of the tax amount due April 1, 2022.

Motion passed 3-0

X. Solar Farm

Town Attorney Collins recommend that we embed the Solar Farm Ordinance in the Land Use Ordinance.

The Board agreed to embed the Solar Farm Ordinance into the Land Use Ordinance.

There was a discussion about who the reviewing authority is for land use Ordinances, Selectboard or Planning Board. A quorum of Planning Board members will be at the Public Hearing being held on May 13th for review of the land use Ordinances.

XI. Schedule Future Meetings

XII. Adjournment

Gaudio Moved and Spear seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:04

Motion passed 3-0

Selectboard Approved May 11, 2021