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Minutes
Board of Selectmen
Budget Review With
Budget Committee

Date: Monday, April 4, 2022 Time: 6:00 pm Place: Municipal Building REV:0

Selectboard Present: Jeff Northgraves, John Spear, Walter Reitz

Budget Committee Members Present: Moria Paddock, Sondra Wallace (via zoom), Bob Baines, Kate Green, Bev St. Clair,

Others Present: Terri-Lynn Baines

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

I. Call to Order

Spear called the Selectboard meeting to order 6:00 pm.

II. Adjustments to Agenda

Baines asked to add a discussion on deputy clerk applications.

Spear would like to add reduce speed zone at the intersection of Waterman Beach and Route 73.

III. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda

There was no public comment.

IV. Approve Minutes

The Budget Committee approved their minutes from the previous meeting.

V. There was a discussion on the tax levy limit, using surplus and funding.

VI. 2022-2023 Budget Review

a. Town Roads (line #858)

Spear presented the Town Roads budget.

There was a brief discussion on the Road Commissioner stipend.

Briefly discussed was cold patch vs hot patch.

Also discussed was paving, the island road paving and reserve funds.

The Budget Committee preliminarily approved the Town Roads budget in the amount of \$356,794. 5-0.

Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to preliminarily approve the Town Roads budget in the amount of \$356,794.

Motion passed 3-0.

b. Town Landing (line #384)

Baines presented the Town Landing budget.

There was a question on what the miscellaneous line was for and if amounts were carried over from the previous year.

The Budget Committee preliminarily approved the Town Landing budget in the amount of \$3,615. 5-0.

Town Landing Reserve (line #1228)

The Budget Committee preliminarily approved the Town Landing Reserve in the amount of \$3385. 5-0.

There was a discussion on repairing the ladder at the Town Landing. This will be an expense in the current budget.

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to preliminarily approve the Town Landing Budget in the amount of \$3,615.

Motion passed 3-0.

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to fund the town landing reserve in the amount of \$3385.

Motion passed 3-0.

c. Administration (line #2)

Baines presented the Administration Budget.

There was a question on carrying forward balances.

The Budget Committee preliminarily approved the Administration Budget in the amount of \$278,735. 5-0.

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to preliminarily approve the Administration Budget in the amount of \$278,735.

There was a brief discussion on the benefit line.

Motion passed 3-0.

d. General Assistance (line # 1071)

The Budget Committee preliminarily approved the General Assistance budget in the amount of \$1500. 5-0.

Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to preliminarily approve the General Assistance budget in the amount of \$1500.

Motion passed 3-0.

e. Debt Service (line #1187)

Baines presented the Debt Service Budget.

The Budget Committee preliminarily approved the Debt Service budget in the amount of \$68,296

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to preliminarily approve the Debt Service budget in the amount of \$68,296

Motion passed 3-0.

f. Recreation (line #1151 Recreation Reserve line #1235)

Spear gave a brief update regarding the tennis court grant.

There was a discussion on the needed skate park repairs.

The Budget Committee preliminarily approve the Recreation Budget in the amount of \$2,020. 5-0.

Recreation Reserve

The Budget Committee preliminarily approved the Recreation Reserve in the amount of \$5000, 5-0

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to add \$5000 to line 1169 repair maintenance /repair skate board and to preliminarily approved the Recreation budget in the amount of \$7,020.

Motion passed 3-0.

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to preliminarily approve funding the Recreation Reserve in the amount of \$5000.

Motion passed 3-0.

g. Conservation Commission (line #253)

Sondra presented the budget for the Conservation Commission.

There was a discussion on the Conservation Commission building their own website.

There was also a discussion on mapping the trails in town.

The Budget Committee preliminarily approved the Conservation Commission budget in the amount of \$500.00. 5-0

The Selectboard discussed the Conservation Commission Budget request. There was a discussion on the Commission having a separate website rather than being linked to the Town's website.

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to approve the Conservation Commission budget in the amount of \$709.00.

Motion passed 3-0.

VII. Personnel Matter- Deputy Clerk Job Applications

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) a Personnel Matter.

Motion passed 3-0.

The Board entered executive session at 8:55pm.

The Board exited executive session at 9:01pm.

VIII. Reduce Speed Zone

Spear moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to authorize the chair to request the State to evaluate the desirability of creating a reduced speed zone at the Southern end of Waterman Beach Road and Route 73.

Motion passed 3-0.

IX. Adjournment

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:02 pm.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81913729508?pwd=NDRCZWY5L0lFQW56dzJyNFQ4Y1A5UT09>

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