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Selectboard:
John Spear
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Sue Snow

Selectboard Minutes
Date: February 16, 2023, 3:30 PM at the Municipal Building
Items Are Often Taken Out of Order to Accommodate Schedules

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Selectboard Present: John Spear, Jeff Northgraves, Sue Snow
Others Present: Terri-Lynn Baines, EMA Director Betty Thomas

- I. Call to Order**
Northgraves called the meeting to order at 3:30.
- II. Adjustments to Agenda**
There were no adjustments.
- III. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda**
There was no public in attendance.
- IV. New Business**
 - a. Budget Discussions with Department Heads**

Public General Safety

EMA Director Thomas presented her portion of the Public General Safety Budget.

The Local Health Officer stipend was reduced to \$100. The remaining \$2074 was moved to Dues/Fees/Travel to be used for The LHO's program for water testing.

Spear moved and Snow seconded a motion to approve the Public General Safety Budget as amended in the amount of \$72,991.

Motion passed 3-0.

Emergency Disaster Reserve

Spear moved and Snow seconded a motion to accept the Department Head's recommendation of 0.

Motion passed 3-0.

Town Roads

Interim Road Commissioner Spear presented the Town Roads Budget. Stipend is at \$100. Wages were reduced to 0.

The Budget has funds for 3 culverts and ditching at the bottom of Westbrook Street and Waterman Beach Road.

Striping- solid yellow line only, Island Road, Bridge to intersection of Rockledge, Westbrook and Waterman Beach.

There was a discussion on paving priorities

Pave a couple 100 feet of Rockledge and the Island Road from the bridge to Granite Street.

Stump Dump Road

Village Road

Chapel Street

Westbrook

The Selectboard discussed carrying forward the paving balance from this year if it is not used this spring. All of the paving reserve fund will be used to help fund this budget.

The Selectboard discussed Westbrook Street. The road is spreading. It is recommended the spots in the road be reclaimed, ground up and binder used, then overlay can be applied next year.

Paving bids will have an escalator clause. There was a brief discussion on what might be paved out of this year's budget.

After a discussion it was decided to plan to do the overlay on Westbrook Street (estimate of \$154,000) in the next year. Also discussed where what roads will need paving in the next year.

Snow moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to accept the budget as amended, in the amount of \$383,364.

Motion passed 2-1.

Spear abstained.

Solid Waste

There was a brief discussion on the Transfer Station payment.

Spear moved and Snow seconded a motion to approve the Solid Waste Budget in the amount of \$315,665.

Motion passed 3-0.

Building & Grounds

The difference in Contracted Services from the last budget is the paving of the fire department area.

There was a brief discussion on cleaning wages.

There was a discussion on having a separate sheet in the budget book showing the last year's budgeted expenses and actuals expenses along with FY 24 budget Gilford Butler expenses.

Spear moved and Snow seconded a motion to approve the budget at \$73,405.

Motion passed 3-0.

Town Landing

The repair line was increased by \$3000 for repairs to the cement pads that keep the ramp together.

Spear moved and Snow seconded a motion to approve the Town Landing budget in the amount of \$7956.

Motion passed 3-0.

Administration

Baines reviewed the budget with the Selectboard.

There was a brief discussion on the budgeted amount for the audit. Baines will double check the figure.

New voting booths were under the equipment line at a cost of \$3000. Baines said they could wait until next year. The voting booths were removed from the budget.

Spear moved and Snow seconded a motion to approve the Administration budget in the amount of \$304,708.

Conservation Commission

Henry Spencer presented the Conservation Commission budget. Supplies they anticipate buying include grabbers for picking up trash on road side clean ups. They also have budgeted to have speakers this year and for their yearly dues.

Spear moved and Snow seconded a motion to approve the Conservation Commission in the amount of \$518.

Motion passed 3-0.

Capital

Baines requested two computers for the front counter be added to the Capital budget. The amount would be \$3000.

It used to be that capital items were in the department's budget. Some time in the past that practice was stopped and a capital budget was used. After a discussion it was decided that the boiler and the computers would be taken from the capital budget. The boiler system (\$46,000) will be put under Building and Grounds and the Computers (\$3,000) will be put under Administration. The Capital budget will be 0.

Spear moved and Snow seconded a motion to approve \$49,000, adding \$46,000 under equipment in the Building and Grounds budget and \$3,000 under equipment in the Administration budget.

Motion passed 3-0.

Revisit the Fire Department Budget

Spear moved and Snow seconded a motion to approve the Fire Department budget in the amount of \$145,596.

Motion passed 3-0.

Reserve Accounts

Spear moved and Snow seconded a motion to fund the reserves in the amount of \$106,835 in accordance with this schedule.

Motion passed 3-0.

XI. Adjourn

Spear moved and Snow seconded a motion to adjourn at 5:26 pm.

Join Zoom Meeting

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