

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 22, 2014

PRESENT: John Veaser, Chairman, Becky Doyle, Wendy Freeman, Ron Stanley, Paul Termin, Joanne Meshna

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. at the Town Office.

John made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2014 meeting. Paul seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Committee reviewed the following budgets:

Department of Public Works: Director Goewey was not present. The following was discussed:

- Roadside mowing – roadside mowing is done to keep the growth down on the sides of the roads.
- Highway block grant – has been moved out of the operating budget and will be a warrant article.
- Five year plans for sealing and reclamation – Five year plans for reclamation and sealing were submitted with the budget. Wendy encouraged the Selectman and Road Committee to work on the plans so newly reclaimed roads are sealed within two years.
- Life insurance – next year requested changed to \$5,945.
- Crushed gravel – next year requested reduced to \$25,000.
- Cold Patch – next year requested reduced to \$12,000.
- Paving – next year requested reduced to \$10,000.
- Calcium – next year requested reduced to \$5,000.

Wendy made a motion to approve the Department of Public Works budget at \$704,198. Paul seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

General Government Buildings: The following was discussed:

- Workers Compensation – next year requested change to zero.
- Pool electricity – next year requested changed to zero. This item is covered in the Pool budget.
- Maintenance – the Old Town Hall building and district school house both need repairs. Something needs to be done with the old highway building across from the Fire Department.

Paul made a motion to approve the General Government Buildings budget at \$74,025. Ron seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Transfer Station: The following was discussed:

- Workers Compensation – next year requested changed to \$921.
- The transfer station loses approximately \$15,000 per year.

Wendy made a motion to approve the Transfer Station budget at \$68,089. Ron seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Health:

Wendy made a motion to approve the Health budget at \$2,453. Paul seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Interest Bonds:

Wendy made a motion to approve the Interest Bonds budget at \$12,908. Paul seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

TAN Interest:

Wendy made a motion to approve the TAN Interest budget at \$2,500. Paul seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Legal:

Wendy made a motion to approve the Legal budget at \$30,000. Paul seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Principals and Bonds:

Wendy made a motion to approve the Principals and Bonds budget at \$35,000. Ron seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Landfill Cap Testing:

Wendy made a motion to approve the Landfill Cap Testing budget at \$5,743. Ron seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Auditor: The 2014 actual includes the 2012 and 2013 audit and accounting consultant fees. This year the audit will be put out to bid. Wendy made a motion to approve the Auditor budget at \$14,000. Paul seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Outside Lighting: Wendy made a motion to approve the Outside Lighting budget at \$21,500. Paul seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Regional Associations: Line item includes \$5,630 for Southwest Region Planning Commission, \$3,800 for NH Municipal Association and \$25.00 for Mutual Aid. Wendy made a motion to approve the Regional Associations budget at \$9,455. Paul seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Board will next meet on January 5, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. to review the final budget and warrant articles.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna
Land Use Manager