

Approved

Budget Committee
Public Hearing
Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2013

Present:

Shaun Lagueux- Chairman, Ron Preble, Dave Carr, William Cote, Dorcas Gordon, Paul Manganiello, Ashley Dolloff, Tom Keegan, Barbara Greenwood, and Mark Chevalier, and Jon Thouin.

Absent: Jeff Shackett, Kerrin Rounds

Others Present:

Michael Capone- Town Administrator, Fire Chief Steve Yannuzzi.

Call to Order:

Chairman Lagueux called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Review of Minutes:

Chairman Lagueux asked the members to review the minutes from February 4th and 5th. Mark Chevalier made a motion to accept both minutes as written, seconded by Barbara Greenwood. All were in favor.

New Business:

The meeting is a second public hearing on the proposed 2013 operating budget.

Chairman Lagueux recapped the February 5th deliberative budget meeting.

- One change was made to the budget. \$200 was added to the Fire Department line 565 (Public Education-Fire Prevention) by a vote of 12 In Favor 1 Opposed.
- There was a lengthy discussion on the Police Department budget, with input given by Chief Lewis.
- No other changes were made to the 2013 budget.
- Tonight's budget totals \$5,371,156 as voted on at the February 5th meeting.
- Warrant articles were reviewed and voted on. Final recommendation votes as follows: Article #13 12 In Favor 0 Opposed; Article #14 13 In Favor 0 Opposed; Article #15 9 In Favor 4 Opposed.

A petitioned warrant article has been received. The article requests that the town accept 550 feet of Robieson Drive as a Town Road.

There was a question with regard to the process. The Town Administrator noted that the Town may vote to accept the road as is. They could also require that the road be subject to a betterment assessment. That would require an engineering evaluation to determine what is required to bring the road up to a Class V (town road) standard. The cost of the improvement would be paid by the assessment of an additional tax on the properties serviced by the improvement for a period of up to ten years.

Final 2013 budget vote: Mark Chevalier made a motion to accept \$5,371,156 as the final budget amount to be proposed by the Budget Committee, seconded by Barbara Greenwood.

Vote: 9 In Favor 2 Opposed Motion Passes

Member Comments:

Dave Carr mentioned that Betty Seeler asked about Accrued Benefits at the February 4th Public Hearing. There is currently approximately \$199,000 in benefits liability and the trust fund has \$66,000 to cover that liability.

Dave Carr also reported that the town vote on marking all police cruisers is recorded in the December 31, 1994 Town Report. The Town Administrator noted that he had spoken with the Local Government Center (LGC) regarding that article. The LGC informed the Town Administrator that the Police Chief would have the discretion to follow or not follow that directive based on his assessment of the needs of the Police Department.

Administrator's Report:

The MS 7 is complete and ready to be signed by the budget committee members.

Adjournment:

Mark Chevalier made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ron Preble, passed with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Costigan, Secretary