

Minutes Holden Finance Committee, April 5, 2023, Senior Center

Members Present: Paul Challenger, Dave White, Chris Lucchesi, Don Graves, Al Berg, Jane Titcomb, Stephanie Adams, Donna Wallace, Marilynn Foley

Also Present: Peter Lukes, Town Manager, Selectmen: Anthony Renzoni, Geri Herlihy, Tom Curran

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 P.M.

The Committee discussed the W/S Department budgeting a payment to the General Fund to be applied to pay down the debt incurred during the construction of the new DPW building, now that their offices are located at the new facility. There had been a discussion with the Manager in the fall concerning this idea, but it was not included in the W/S budget nor communicated to the water/sewer Board of Commissioners. It was brought up that some residents who do not have sewer or water from the town pay about \$188.00 towards the W/S debt and residents that have only water from the town pay about \$88.00 in W/S debt each year. Discussion continued with the Committee, Peter and Anthony (Chairman of the W/S Commission). Anthony indicated that this was a new issue to the Commissioners two weeks ago when we mentioned it in the review of the water sewer fund, and they were unprepared to make a decision on it. Peter agreed to include this payment in next year's plan

A motion by Al 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don to include a new line item in the W/S Enterprise Fund Budget as follows: an indirect charge for debt service to the DPW facility of \$190,322.00 for F/Y24 was defeated 3-6 (in favor Al, Chris, Donna) (opposed Paul, Dave, Don, Stephanie, Jane, Marilynn). A motion by Dave 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris to ask the Paul to memorialize the Committee's discussions concerning W/S with a letter to the Town Manager and Water Sewer Commissioners was voted unanimously.

The Committee began voting on Department Budgets.

A motion by Dave 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don to approve the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Budget of \$1,679,545.00 was voted unanimously.

A motion by Dave 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al to approve the Inspection Revolving Fund Budget of \$248,731.00 was voted unanimously.

A motion by Dave 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephanie to approve the Cable Revolving Fund Budget of \$330,761.00 was voted unanimously.

A motion by Al 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave to add \$60,000.00 to line 5961 in the Recreation Revolving Fund for a total of \$110,000.00 for Field Debt was voted unanimously. A motion by Dave 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marilynn to approve the new Recreation Revolving Fund Budget total of \$1,193,867.00 was voted unanimously.

A motion by Al 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave to accept the Chapter 90 funds from the State was voted unanimously.

A motion by Dave 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephanie to approve the Moderator Budget of \$165.00 was voted unanimously.

A motion by Dave 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jane to approve the Finance Committee Budget of \$151,795.00 was voted unanimously.

A motion by Al 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave to approve the BOS Budget of \$40,237.00 was voted unanimously.

A motion by Dave 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donna to approve the Town Manager Budget of \$548,354.00 was voted unanimously.

A motion by Al 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave to approve the Insurance Budget of \$2,559,872.00 was voted unanimously.

A motion by Dave 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jane to approve the Legal Budget of \$225,000.00 was voted unanimously.

A motion by Al 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave to approve the Accounting Budget of \$285,682.00 was voted unanimously.

A motion by Dave 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don to approve the Treasurer/Collector Budget of \$313,754.00 was voted unanimously.

A motion by Stephanie 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marilyn to approve the Retirement Budget of \$2,454,859.00 was voted unanimously.

A motion by Dave 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don to approve the Municipal Debt Budget of \$3,981,785.00 was voted unanimously.

A motion by Al 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave to approve the Assessors Budget of \$257,926.00 was voted unanimously.

A motion by Al 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave to approve the Town Clerk Budget of \$323,129.00 was voted unanimously.

A motion by Chris 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave to approve the Planning Department Budget of \$256,428.00 was voted unanimously.

A motion by Stephanie 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donna to approve the Sealer of Weights & Measures of \$6,000.00 was voted unanimously.

Dave and Don reported on the Fields Committee behind the DPW facility. Due to inflation, they reported that the cost will probably be more than was voted at the Town Meeting for the project. The scope of permitting needed is very lengthy and thus will delay the starting of the project probably until next spring.

A motion by Stephanie 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don to approve the minutes of March 22, 2023 was voted unanimously.

A motion by Stephanie 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al to approve the minutes of March 29, 2023 was voted unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilynn Foley, Clerk