

Budget Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
February 6, 2017

**Present:**

Chair- William Cote, JP Morrison, Don Milbrand, John Sellers, Betsy Schneider, Scott Sanschagrin, Dave Carr, Tom Keegan, Wayne Anderson, and Bob Emerson.

**Absent:** Kevin MacCaffrie, Rob Glassett, and Ashley Dolloff.

**Others Present:** Nick Coates Town Admin., Jeff Chartier Water/Sewer Supt., Shawn Lagueux Selectman, Police Chief Michael Lewis, Raymah Simpson Town Clerk, and Members of the public.

**Call to Order:**

Committee Chair William Cote called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

**Review of Minutes:** Betsey Schneider made a motion to approve the minutes of January 23, 2017, seconded by Scott Sanschagrin. The motion passed 9-0.

**Correspondence: None**

**New Business:** Raymah Simpson asked for an increase of her budget from \$2,000 to \$2,363 so she could buy 2 new booths w/curtains (makes 4 actual voting sites) to replace some of the old falling apart booths. Scott Sanschagrin made motion to amend and Don Milbrand second to replace all of the booths (7 booths needed total) for \$7601.00 vote taken 2-0-8, actual motion to change line 4140-610 to \$2,363 taken 7-1-2.

Dave Carr made motion to change general operations total from \$4,691,243 to \$4,648,222 and Betsey Schneider second. Motion taken 6-4 passed.

Motion to amend bottom line of Patriotic to \$23,890 9-1-0 passed.

**Warrant Articles Discussed:**

**Article 2:** Replacement of dryer waste unit (unit currently is 25 yrs. old). Rate payers and capital reserve would bring down the cost and new unit would save more in utility fees vs man power and the benefit would be a cleaner operation. Motion taken 10-0-0.

**Article 3:** Engineering Survey for Central Street Corridor, construction cost is for water/sewer/drainage/concrete sidewalks. Jeff Chartier feels this would be a good time to replace 6 inch pipe with 8 inch pipe along this route but this project is not under administrative order and there would not be any grants available. The existing pipes are from 1969 and are still in good condition but by replacing now this would improve these pipes for future projects. Motion taken 3-6-1.

**Article 4:** The sum of \$153,000 to finalize the design of the Pemi Pathway and Bristol Falls Park for materials and bridge stabilization. Motion taken 10-0 passed.

**Article 9:** Contingency Fund of \$25,000 for unanticipated expenses. Motion taken 10-0-0.

**Article 10:** Demolish of structure next door and disposal of debris and flatten of land cost of \$12,000.

Motion taken 10-0-0.

**Article 11:** The sum of \$95,000 for the Architectural design and engineering study for future municipal buildings. Motion taken 9-0-1.

**Article 12:** Vote to establish Capital Reserve Fund for \$50,000 to replace police vehicle and repairs to lights and computers as needed. Motion taken 8-2-0.

**Article 13:** Raise and appropriate sum of \$25,200 to replace 5 police radios, the ones that need to be replaced are 16 years old. Motion taken 10-0-0.

**Article 14:** Hemp Hill Tower Site, the current generator is old and needs constant work done on it; this would be a 100% grant to the town. The generator would be a 20 kilo watt/200 amp service that would benefit the Highway department and Police and Fire Departments. Homeland security recommends this larger generator because they will not replace this new one if needed. Motion taken 8-2-0.

**Article 15:** Fireworks Display, \$12,000 for the fireworks and the operation needs. Motion taken 3-6-0.

**Article 16:** The sum of \$5,000 to do a full radio spectrum analysis study for strongest locations for future small cell or cell tower locations. Motion taken 8-1-0.

**Article 17:** Transfer and Deposit Capital Reserve funds of \$292,500. Motion taken 8-1-0.

**Articles 1, 5, 6, 7 & 8:** These articles were touched on briefly by Town Manager Nick Coates.

**Adjournment:**

Wayne Anderson made motion to adjourn, seconded by Don Milbrand. The motion passed with a 9-0-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Sarto, Minute Taker