

Budget Committee
December 10, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Vice Chair- Shaun Lagueux, John Sellers, Dave Carr, Walter Waring, Les Dion, Scott Sanschagrin, Bob Emerson, Paul Simard.

Absent:

Rob Glassett, Betsy Schneider, Eric Rouille, Janet Cavanagh, Joe Caristi,

Others Present:

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Raymah Simpson, Finance Bob Blanchette.

Call to Order:

Committee Vice Chair Shaun Lagueux opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Review and approval of Minutes:

Mr. Lagueux asked if the committee had gone over the minutes of December 1, 2018. Mr. Sanschagrin motioned to approve the minutes with amending that Mr. Emerson was not present at that meeting and the vote would also need to be changed. The motion was seconded as amended by Mr. Waring with a vote of **11 in Favor – 0 Opposed – 0 Abstained** and the motion passed.

Correspondence:

There was none

Old Business:

There was none

New Business: Budget Sections

Mr. Lagueux stated that we cannot deliberate on a budget that has not yet been presented to the committee. Since Raymah Simpson is here tonight we can hear her budgets.

4140 – Town Clerk:

Ms. Simpson said her budget had changed since the meeting on December 1, 2018 and she wanted the committee to be aware of that. She went through Section 4140 and the state cost for line #620 would be \$1456.00, the town cost for line # 620 would be an additional \$142.00, plus an additional \$124.00 for line #620 miscellaneous office supplies. Which would bring the new total to \$2,100.00.

Mr. Simard asked Ms. Simpson if line # 550 for Advertising would be reduced from \$2,720.00. Ms. Simpson said it would be \$325.00.

4150 – Tax Collector/ Finance:

Ms. Simpson said there would be no changes to the Tax Collector side.

4520 – TTCC:

Mr. Lagueux asked Ms. Dion if she wanted to speak for the TTCC. Ms. Dion's amount of Children said that she would. Ms. Dion said that Bristol was up to 396 this year from 359 last year. Mr. Sellers asked if they would be busier this year. Mr. Lagueux said that with the events and Bicentennial will be done by them. Mr. Sellers then asked about the other towns contributing. Ms. Dion stated that they have put Hill on a four year payment plan and Danbury is now on a two year payment plan so it would be evened out.

4522 – Kelley Park:

Mr. Simard said that the maintenance at Kelley Park is done by the town and on the town budget. He also said that if Highway Superintendent, Mark Bucklin changed that it would be quite an expense for the TTCC. Les stated that the TTCC does Softball and Baseball so the town gets a pretty good deal. This has been done for years. Mr. Lagueux then stated that Kelley Park is also owned by the town not the TTCC.

4195 – Cemeteries:

There was no one present

Mr. Sellers asked Mr. Blanchette if he had predicted the 2019 budgets yet. Mr. Blanchette said they would be about the same. Mr. Sellers then said he was concerned about a person on the committee missing so many meetings. He said usually missing three or four meetings then you would be off of the committee. Mr. Lagueux said he would look into it.

Mr. Simard mentioned that he had asked the Police Chief at the December 1, 2018 meeting for a breakdown of the K-9 section. Mr. Simard also asked Mr. Blanchette about the previous year's totals for the Police Department budgets. They have about a \$37,000.00 increase in details this year. Mr. Blanchette said that a company in town asked for 24 -7 details after a critical incident. Mr. Lagueux asked Mr. Simard why he was questioning an increase in revenues.

Member Comments:

Mr. Sellers said when we get to the deliberative sessions that he doesn't think the people are going to go for such a big increase on the budgets. Mr. Sanschagrin stated that \$200,000.00 was just for paving. Mr. Simard said that 13% was a big chunk to swallow for the residents.

Staff comments:

Mr. Blanchette mentioned that he thought Cemeteries would be here tonight. Mr. Lagueux said their budget was \$500.00 they are asking for \$820.00.

Adjournment:

Mr. Sellers made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Carr. The vote was **7 in favor – 0 opposed – 0 abstained** and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05PM.

The next Budget meeting will be December 17, 2018 at 6:30PM at the Town Office Building.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Vogan, Secretary