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Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 19, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

Tioga Meeting Room, Belmont Mill

Chairman Ronald Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Also present were TA Alicia Jipson, Albert Akerstrom, Mark Roberts, Sel. Rep. Ruth Mooney, Finance Director Katherine Davis, Roland Coffin, Justin Borden, Norma Patten, and Ken Ellis.

Absent: Gary Grant, Sharon Ciampi, Tracey LeClair, Tina Fleming, and Mark Ekberg.

Election of Officers for the Ensuing Year

Albert Akerstrom moved to nominate Ron Mitchell as Chairman for the ensuing year; Mark Roberts seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Ruth Mooney moved to nominate Tracey LeClair as Vice Chairman for the ensuing year; Albert Akerstrom seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Budget Overview mid-year point

TA Jipson provided a PowerPoint presentation focused on the mid-point review so far in 2022 and the trial we face as we move forward in 2022-2023. Highlighting the increases in utilities such as electric, propane, gas, oil. TA Jipson touched on the fact that the new Casella contract will take affect in January 2023 and we will see a hit to the budget for \$215,052.36. Union contract negotiations will take place shortly for all 3 CBA. Renovating the Mill has been an ongoing process. We have 3 floors to finish. We are currently working with BPS to redesign each floor and fit the needs of putting all of TH into the Mill. We currently have **\$190,00** in the Municipal Facilities Budget with another **\$300,000** allocated at Town Meeting for a total of **\$490,000**. We anticipate needing funds from that to repair the roof at the FD and still need to leave a buffer of funds for any unforeseen repairs that may arise this year. This is our only fund for setting aside money for building repairs and we don't want to completely use all the funds. We lost an employee in the Water dept. We were faced with hiring or hiring our current contractor Pennichuck to take over task of oversight of the water department. Our contract with Pennichuck will run 6/20/22 till 12/31/2024. Health Insurance rates are not determined yet. NHRS rates will decrease in 7/1/2023. .53% for Group 1 and 2.62% Group 2. We are looking at switching our vendor for our STD and Life & AD&D coverage. We are entertaining going with HealthTrust as they came back with the better rate and elimination period that is shorter than the current.

Ron Mitchell asked if the BOS has talked with department heads and discuss conserving their budgets. Selectman Mooney said they have not yet.

Roland Coffin asked whose decision it was to move to automation. TA Jipson responded that it was Casella's decision.

The committee's next meeting will be in November beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Mark Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.; the motion was seconded by Albert Akerstrom and the motion passed unanimously.



Ronald Mitchell, Chairman

Tracey LeClair, Vice Chairman



Albert Akerstrom

Ken Ellis

Roland Coffin



Norma Patten

Tina Fleming

Sharon Ciampi

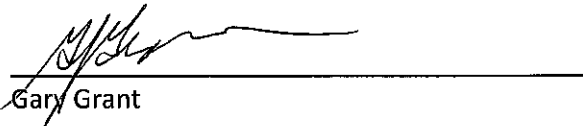


Justin David Borden



Mark Roberts

Mark Ekberg



Gary Grant

Ruth Mooney, Sel. Representative