Budget Committee Meeting

2/6/19

Attendance

Budget Committee:

Bonnie Gagnon, Vice Chair

Roxanne Tufts-Keegan, Chair

Mary Knapp, Board Member Ken Garry – School Board Rep Tracy Donovan-Laviolette, Secretary

Dave Maier, Board Member

Janet Kalar - Village District Rep

Absent: Joe Bailey – Board of Selectman Rep

6:42 pm – Meeting called to order by Roxanne Tufts-Keegan.

Pledge of Allegiance

Thank you to Kathleen Blaney for once again coming to the budget committees rescue and unlocking the door for our posted meeting. The budget committee will ask again for a key at the next Selectman meeting.

Town Budget:

The budget committee will vote to recommend or not recommend the town warrant articles that were updated or added after out last meeting. The order of the articles have been changed since our last meeting.

Article 3: (Previously Article 15. The amount has increased to this article since the last budget committee meeting.) (Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on the appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the budget committee.) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not to exceed the sum of One Million Severn Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,700,000) for the construction and furnishing of the new highway facility, with One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,300,000) to come from the issuance of bonds or notes in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and to accept such grants and other revenues as may be available, and to obtain Four Hundred Thousand (\$400,000) from the Fund Balance. (Two Thirds Majority Vote Required)

The budget committee does not recommend article 3 (1-6-0)

Article 13: (Newly listed) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) to be added to the Data & Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority Vote Required)

The budget committee recommends article 13 (7-0-0)

Article 17: (Previously Article 13. The budget committee held off on a recommendation at the last meeting due to wanting to know the balance of the fund. Current balance is \$51,673.)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Fire Department Addition Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority Vote Required) The budget committee recommends article 17 (6-1-0)

Article 18: (Newly listed) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five

Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority Vote Required)

(There is a balance of \$14,700 in this fund.)

The budget committee recommends article 18 (7-0-0)

Article 21: (Previously Article 18. The wording for the article has changed)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars (\$8,762) for the purpose of purchasing one (1) MSA Evolution 6000 Plus Thermal Imaging Camera. (Majority Vote Required)

The budget committee recommends article 21 (7-0-0)

The committee would like the budget to show the project line 4900-39, broken down into sub sections listing the individual funds that are in this line. The budget committee chair will reach out to the Selectman to discuss this.

Ken Garry made a motion to accept the budget committees proposed town budget for 2019 to total \$2,160,670.20, Dave Maier seconded, the committee voted, the motion passed. (7-0-0)

Old Business:

Bonnie Gagnon made a motion to accept the 1/21/19 budget committee minutes as read, seconded by Dave Maier, the committee voted, the motion passed. (5-0-2)

Bonnie Gagnon made a motion to accept the 1/22/19 Public Hearing for the Town of Middleton minutes as read, seconded by Dave Maier, the committee voted, the motion passed. (6-0-1)

A motion to adjourn was offered by Bonnie Gagnon, seconded by Janet Kalar, the committee voted, motion passed at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Tracy Donovan-Laviolette, Secretary Budget Committee