



TOWN OF WINCHESTER

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Budget Committee Meeting on January 16, 2018

Attendance: Sherman Tedford, Rikki Bolewski, Steve Fucile, Kevin Bazan, Roberta Fraser, Karey Miner and Amy Bond.

Meeting started at 7:00pm for the town's public hearing on the 2018-2019 budgets.

Kevin makes a motion to open the public hearing. Roberta seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Sherman reviews the MS-737: Appropriations
General Government budget for \$1,151,954.

Public Safety budget for \$818,078

Highway & Streets budget for \$706,040

Sanitation budget for \$303,737

Heath budget for \$100,171

Welfare budget for \$818,078

Culture & Recreation budget for \$146,611

Conservation & Development budget for \$2,100

Debt Service budget for \$143,126

Capital Outlay budget for \$497,216

Operating Transfers Out budget for \$646,611
Water-\$281,990 & Sewer-\$364,621

Total Appropriations-\$4,596,261

The difference between the current and old budget is \$166,430 (.60cents on the tax rate. Also not including Legal)

Sherman read all the warrant articles.

There was no public comment on any of the budgets or warrant articles.

Roberta made a motion to close the public hearing. Rikki second the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Sherman makes a motion to approve \$70,000 for the legal line. Kevin seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0. Sherman states that will change the *General Government* budget to \$1,221,953 and the total to \$4,666,260.

Sherman reads each article for the Budget Committee to discuss and recommend or not recommend.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 3,350,000 (three million three hundred fifty thousand dollars) for the purpose of a new 500,000 gallon water tank and water main improvements on Richmond Rd, Clark Rd and Old Chesterfield Rd.; of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. A 3/5 vote is required

- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee**

Sherman stated that January 16th was the last day to hold a public hearing on a bond/note over \$100,000. This article doesn't meet the posting requirements, so there is no need to make a recommendation.

Article 3: Shall the Town of Winchester **raise and appropriate as an operating budget**, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$_____ (three million). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$3,472,594** (three million four hundred seventy two thousand five hundred ninety four dollars), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Winchester or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required)

- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee-Sherman makes a motion to recommend. Rikki seconds the motion.**

The motion carries 5-0.

Article 4: Shall the Town of Winchester **raise and appropriate the sum of \$364,621** (three hundred sixty four thousand six hundred and twenty dollars) for the operations of the Sewer Department, the funds to be raised by user fees, or act in a manner thereon. **This article will not affect taxation.** Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$360,807** (three hundred sixty thousand eight hundred and seven dollars) or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required)

- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee -Sherman makes a motion to recommend. Steve seconds the motion.**

The motion carries 5-0.

Article 5: Shall the Town of Winchester **raise and appropriate the sum of \$281,990** (two hundred eighty one thousand nine hundred and ninety dollars) for the operations of the Water Department, the funds to be raised by user fees, or act in a manner thereon. **This article will not affect taxation.** Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$277,606** (two hundred seventy seven thousand six hundred and six dollars) or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required)

- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee -Sherman makes a motion to recommend. Rikki seconds the motion.**

The motion carries 5-0.

Article 6: Shall the Town of Winchester allow the operation of Keno games within the town?

- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**

No recommendation needed by Budget Committee, not a money article.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to **raise and appropriate \$74,198.00** (seventy four thousand, one hundred ninety eight dollars) for the second year lease payment on the Fire department's pumper truck.

- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee-Sherman makes a motion to recommend. Steve seconds the motion.**

The motion carries 5-0.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to **raise and appropriate \$29,118.00** (twenty nine thousand, one hundred eighteen dollars) for the 4th year lease payment on the 2014 Freightliner dump truck, plow and sander package.

- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee-** Kevin makes a motion to recommend. Rikki seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to **raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000** (twenty thousand) to be placed into the existing Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of repairing culverts.

- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee-** Roberta makes a motion to recommend. Rikki seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to **raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000** (Five thousand dollars) to be placed into the existing Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of Town Hall upgrades.

- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee-** Steve makes a motion to not recommend. Sherman seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0. Not recommended

Article 11: Are you in favor of swapping 25,713 sqft of land from lot 6/19 (Musterfield Park, designated as town forest) for a portion of land from abutting lot 6/15, size as proposed by the Winchester Conservation Commission and Board of Selectmen?

- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee-** No recommendation needed by Budget Committee, not a money article.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund account under the provisions of RSA 35:1III for the purpose of upgrades for the Emergency Management Building and **raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000** (Fifty thousand) to be placed into this fund with the Board of Selectmen being agents of said fund?

- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee--** Roberta makes a motion to recommend. Rikki seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund account under the provisions of RSA 35:1III for the purpose of upgrades for Town owned building's and **raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000** (Five thousand) to be placed into this fund with the Board of Selectmen being agents of said fund?

- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee- -** Steve makes a motion to recommend. Rikki seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund account under the provisions of RSA 35:1III for the purpose a Sidewalk Improvement Fund and **raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,000** (Ninety thousand) to be placed into this fund with the Board of Selectmen being agents of said fund? (The 1st project would be replacing 470 ft of sidewalk on the West side Main St.)

- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee-** Roberta makes a motion to recommend. Rikki seconds the motion. The motion fails 2-3. Not recommended

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to **raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000** (Thirty thousand dollars) to be placed into the existing Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of repairs to the Conant Library roof.

- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee- -** Roberta makes a motion to recommend. Sherman seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to **raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000** (twenty five thousand dollars) to be placed into the existing Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of repairs to the church steeple where the Town clock it sits?

- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee--** Roberta makes a motion to recommend. Kevin seconds the motion.
The motion carries 4-1.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to **raise and appropriate \$19,300.00** (nineteen thousand, three hundred dollars) to be placed in the existing non-lapsing Capital Reserve Fund established under Article 16 at the March 2006 Town Meeting for the purpose of performing the assessing update or revaluation of the real estate in the Town of Winchester scheduled for 2015-2020. (Majority vote required)

- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee--** Sherman makes a motion to recommend. Kevin seconds the motion.
The motion carries 5-0.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to **raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed \$18,000.00** (eighteen thousand dollars) to be deposited in the **Evergreen Expendable General Care Trust Fund** established by an affirmative vote by the 1998 Town Meeting as Article 11; the source of these funds to be withdrawn from the surplus generated by the perpetual care funds already established for the care and maintenance of lots within the Evergreen Cemetery, and not from taxation. (Majority vote required)

- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee--** Sherman makes a motion to recommend. Rikki seconds the motion.
The motion carries 5-0.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to **raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000** (ten thousand dollars) for the Town's share of State road grant reconstruction costs for bridges and place it in the existing non-lapsing Capital Reserve Fund established at the March 2006 Town Meeting under Article 19 for that purpose. (Majority vote required)

- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee—**Rikki makes a motion to recommend. Sherman seconds the motion.
The motion carries 5-0.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to **raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,600** (sixteen hundred dollars) to support the annual Pickle Festival?

- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee--** Rikki makes a motion to recommend. Sherman seconds the motion.
The motion carries 5-0.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to **raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00** (two thousand dollars) to be placed in the existing non-lapsing Capital Reserve Fund established at the March 2012 Town Meeting under Article 15 for the purpose of treating exotic invasive plants in Forest Lake. (Majority vote required)

- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee--** Rikki makes a motion to recommend. Sherman seconds the motion.
The motion carries 5-0.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to **raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000** (five thousand dollars) to be given to the Winchester Historical Society for the purpose of operating and maintaining the Sheridan House so that this museum may continue to preserve the history of Winchester for benefit of the public.

- **Inserted by Petition**
- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee--** Roberta makes a motion to recommend. Rikki seconds the motion.
The motion carries 5-0.

Article 23: To see if the Town will **raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000** (forty thousand dollars) for the purpose of supporting Youth Programming through ACCESS which supports youth activities and enrichment programs as well as working with teens from Winchester to plan and coordinate for life after high school.

- **Inserted by Petition**
- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee-** Roberta makes a motion to recommend. Rikki seconds the motion. The motion fails 2-3. Not recommended

Article 24: To see if the Town will **raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000** (fifty thousand dollars) for the purpose of subsidizing youth recreation in the Town of Winchester to be paid to the E.L.M. Memorial Community Center on a contractual basis.

- **Inserted by Petition**
- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee-** Roberta makes a motion to recommend. Rikki seconds the motion. The motion fails 2-3. Not recommended

Article 25: Are you in favor of the town maintaining ownership of lots 15,16,17 and 20 of map 6 (aka "Perry's Pit") in order to maintain connectivity with other town-owned properties and to develop these properties in a manner that provides renewable energy to town-owned facilities and for other municipal uses in order to reduce the citizen's property tax burden. Costs of said development shall be through various means including appropriations, grants, gifts, sales or lease of town-owned property and other means that will not increase the tax burden.

- **Inserted by Petition**
No recommendation needed by Budget Committee, not a money article.

Next meeting will be 1/23/18 at 6pm to review and sign MS-737.

Karey will post a meeting scheduled for after the deliberative for both the Town-2-3-18 & School 2-8-18.

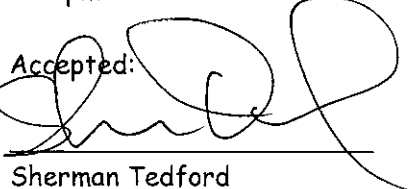
Sherman makes a motion to approve the operating budget of \$3,512,598. Rikki seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Sherman makes a motion to approve the 1/2/18 minutes. Roberta seconds the motion. Motion passes 5-0

Sherman makes a motion to approve the 1/9/18 minutes. Steve seconds the motion. Motion passes 5-0

Sherman makes a motion to approve the 1/11/18 minutes. Roberta seconds the motion. Motion passes 5-0

Motion to adjourn was made by Sherman, seconded by Roberta all in favor passes 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

Accepted: 
Sherman Tedford

Printed by: Karey Miner, Minute taker