

Budget Committee Monday December 13th

Attendance: Ben Kilanski, James Rokes JR, Brenden Hubbard, Nate Holmy, Jason Spaulding, Amy Bond, Karey Miner, Barbara Depew, Jennifer Howe, Berry Deats, Amanda Lunt

Meeting is brought to order at 6:02 PM

Barbara Depew, Jennifer Howe, Barry Deats discuss news and the budget from the Conant Library. Ben comments the selectboard had no questions. Ben motions to approve the requested \$89,900. Jason seconds, motion carries 5-0.

Ben explains there have been a lot of personnel changes at the Thayer Library that have made it difficult for them to come up with a good budget. Discussion ensues about the apartment. Amanda explains its a studio apartment and the building as a whole is town owned. It is discussed the increase in salary for the librarian is not a raise but an extension of hours. Brenden asks if the selectboard will be revisiting this budget. Ben says Yes. Jason comments about the amount of different budgets that have been presented so far and how do we know the actual numbers. Karey comments Amanda has taken a lot of time in preparing this new budget. Nate asks about software supplies, subscriptions. Amanda says this is the quickbooks fee. Nate motions to wait until after the selectboard has revisited this budget to vote on an appropriation. This motion is not seconded. Jason explains he has a hard time approving a budget he doesn't have confidence all of the numbers are accurate. JR questions the profit loss and being \$42,000 overbudget. Amanda explains this has to do with trust fund money covering some of these costs. Jason questions the bookkeeping difference. Amanda explains this has to do with this being an added employee , thats why the numbers are different. Nate motions to approve a budget for \$29,830. This motion is not seconded. Jason asks about two different pages where the apartment rent numbers don't match. It is explained this was a typo. Nate asks if the water and sewer are included in rent. It is explained the apartment and library share utilities and it is only an estimate of which each one uses but the apartment does have some utilities included. Jason mentions he can't vote for a budget he doesn't know is accurate. Ben motions to approve \$27,420.00. Nate seconds, motion passes 3-2.

JR motions to pass the insurance budget for \$81,949. Nate seconds, motion carries 5-0.

Ben motions to pass the personnel budget for \$571,770. Nate seconds. JR asks about the merit increases. Amy explains last year a 2.5% merit was passed. Jason asks if the Not Used police officer that was reduced is still included in this. Amy explains yes, but not much in savings here. Motion carries 5-0 to appropriate \$571,770 for the Personnel budget.

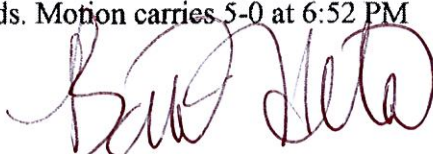
Ben explains the selectboard approved the amount requested for the Landfill. Jason points out the costs per person who currently use the landfill and comments he prefers the ssystem we have now over the pay as you throw system. Ben comments the selectboard is working on alternate plans to cut costs. Jason motions to pass the landfill budget, Nate seconds. Motion carries 5-0.

The following School Board /Budget Committee dates are discussed:

Tuesday December 14th 6:00PM at the school

Thursday December 16th 6:30PM at the school.

JR motions to adjourn Nate seconds. Motion carries 5-0 at 6:52 PM

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