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Minutes

*Selectboard – Budget Hearing
Tuesday, January 29, 2019*

Selectboard members present: Brendan Denehy, Eddie Arnold, Tom Humphreys, Valerie Ogden and Ron Olsen along with Town Administrator Tad Putney. Also present: Finance Committee members Brian Rater, Linda Chomiak and Steve Russo, residents Ann Somers, Drew Kellner, Roger Ogden, Eric Pauer, Peter Webb, Peter Cook, David Coffey, David Partridge, Pat Leonard, Cindy Lacroix.

7:00pm - Brendan reconvened the budget hearing from Monday, January 28, 2019.

Tad said he spoke with **Chief Quigley** who informed him there was a calculation error with regard to the 2019 police salaries. The correct amount for salaries is \$689,138, resulting in a revised proposed police budget of \$841,841.

Emergency Management – David Coffey – Proposed budget of \$21,550.

Library – David Partridge – Proposed budget of \$257,567.

Election & Registration – Tad Putney - Proposed budget of \$3,700, which is down due to only one election this year compared to three last year.

Planning & Zoning – Tad Putney – Proposed budget of \$64,557.

Economic Development – Tad Putney – Proposed budget of \$4,350. **Tad** said the increase of just under \$1,000 is for the planned welcome signs for the business district on Route 13. **Drew** asked the Board to consider increasing the amount because he thinks it is under budgeted for the signs.

Financial Administration – Tad Putney – Proposed budget of \$210,568. Increased for IT-related costs, including: replacement of desktop computers, a Fire Department server and three rhino pads for the police cruisers.

Revaluation of Property – Peter Cook – Proposed budget of \$31,932. **Peter** said the line items “Updates/BTLA Expenses” and “Data Verification” have merged together as one titled “Contract Assessing; Cyclical Inspections”. Reviewed related warrant articles with no changes.

General Government Buildings – Tad Putney – Proposed budget of \$216,285.

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Personnel Administration – Tad Putney – Proposed budget of \$558,926.

Executive – Tad Putney – Proposed budget of \$226,206.

Debt Service – Tad Putney – Proposed budget of \$294,738.

Cable Access – Tad Putney – Proposed budget of \$17,795.

Insurance – Tad Putney – Proposed budget of \$68,622.

Revenues – Tad Putney – Estimated revenue \$2,075,154.57.

Prior to voting on the operating budget warrant article, **Tad** asked the Board if they wanted to increase the Economic Development “Welcome Sign” amount as **Drew** suggested. ***Ron moved, seconded by Eddie, to increase the Economic Development “Welcome Sign” amount to \$5,000; Voted Yes 3-1-1; Val voted no, Tom abstained.*** Revised Economic Development budget of \$7,350.

2019 Warrant Articles Votes

- 1.) Operating Budget - \$4,880.995; Recommended by Selectboard Yes 5-0; Finance Committee Yes 3-0.
- 2.) Capital Reserve if Fire Truck grant is NOT approved - \$185,000; Recommended by Selectboard Yes 5-0; Finance Committee Yes 3-0.
- 3.) 2017 Highway Block Grant to Bond St. Bridge Fund - \$121,256; Recommended by Selectboard Yes 5-0; Finance Committee Yes 3-0.
- 4.) Public Works Capital Reserve Fund - \$100,000; Recommended by Selectboard Yes 5-0; Finance Committee Yes 3-0.
- 5.) New Ambulance Purchase (*if grant received*) - \$13,500; Recommended by Selectboard Yes 5-0; Finance Committee Yes 3-0.
- 6.) New Ambulance Lease (*if no grant*) - \$54,695; Recommended by Selectboard Yes 3-2; Finance Committee Yes 2-1.
- 7.) Revolving Fund for Ambulance Revenues – Recommended by Selectboard Yes 5-0; Finance Committee Yes 3-0.

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- 8.) Discontinue Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund – Recommended by Selectboard Yes 5-0; Finance Committee Yes 3-0.
- 9.) Allow for Ambulance Billing – Not Recommended by Selectboard 4-0 with 1 abstention; Not Recommended by Finance Committee 2-1.
- 10.) Facilities Contingency Fund - \$10,000; Recommended by Selectboard Yes 5-0; Finance Committee Yes 3-0.
- 11.) Town History - \$5,000; Recommended by Selectboard Yes 5-0; Finance Committee Yes 3-0.
- 12.) Ambulance Donations - \$3,715; Recommended by Selectboard Yes 5-0; Finance Committee Yes 3-0.
- 13.) Conservation Easement - Recommended by Selectboard Yes 5-0.
- 14.) Melendy Pond #1 (reverse prohibition of new leases beyond December 31, 2020) - Recommended by Selectboard Yes 4-0, with 1 abstention.
- 15.) Melendy Pond #2 (dissolve Melendy Pond Authority) - Recommended by Selectboard Yes 3-1 with 1 abstention.
- 16.) Melendy Pond #3 (establish revolving fund) - Recommended by Selectboard Yes 5-0.
- 17.) Elderly Exemption; Recommended by Selectboard Yes 4-0 with 1 abstention; Finance Committee Yes 3-0.
- 18.) Disabled Exemption; Recommended by Selectboard Yes 5-0; Finance Committee Yes 3-0.
- 19.) Blind Exemption; Recommended by Selectboard Yes 5-0; Finance Committee Yes 3-0.

Eddie moved, seconded by Ron, to keep the KENO warrant article on the Town Meeting Warrant for 2019; Voted Yes 3-2.

- 20.) Keno; Recommended by Selectboard 3-2; Finance Committee 3-0.

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9:15pm - **Brendan** closed the budget hearing.

Minutes submitted by Sharon Sturtevant.

Brendan Denehy

Tom Humphreys

Valerie Ogden

Eddie Arnold

Ron Olsen