

BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING
TOWN HALL GREEN ROOM
MARCH 13, 2017
MINUTES

Present: J. Scherban, O. NejdI, L. Saunders, J. Olsen, L. Santos, J. Scully Welch and K. Carr

Absent: D. Traynor

J. Scherban called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance.

NejdI made a motion, seconded by Olsen to seat K. Carr for D. Traynor. The motion was unanimously approved.

2017/18 TOWN BUDGET

LIBRARY

Carr made a motion, seconded by NejdI to approve a total budget of \$727,923. Motion failed with a vote of 2 in favor (Carr and NejdI) and 4 opposed (Scherban, Saunders, Olsen and Welch). Olsen made a motion, seconded by Saunders to approve a total budget of \$751,000. The motion passed with a vote of 4 in favor (Olsen, Saunders, Scherban, Welch) and 2 opposed (Carr and NejdI).

SELECTMEN

Carr made a motion, seconded by Saunders to approve a total budget of \$165,801. The motion failed with a vote of 1 in favor (Carr) and 5 against (Saunders, Olsen, Welch, Scherban and NejdI). Olsen made a motion, seconded by Saunders to approve a total budget of \$171,818. The motion passed with a vote of 4 in favor (Saunders, Scherban, Olsen and Welch) and 2 opposed (NejdI and Carr).

FINANCE

Olsen made a motion, seconded by NejdI to approve a total budget of \$268,376. The motion passed with a vote of 5 in favor (Scherban, Olsen, Welch, Saunders and NejdI) and 1 opposed (Carr).

ELECTIONS AND MEETINGS

Carr made a motion, seconded by NejdI to approve a total budget of \$35,014. The motion was unanimously approved.

TOWN CLERK

Saunders made a motion, seconded by Olsen to approve a total budget of \$159,412. The motion passed with a vote of 5 in favor (Olsen, Saunders, Welch, Scherban and NejdI) and 1 opposed (Carr).

ASSESSOR

Carr made a motion to approve a total budget of \$173,946. No second was made so the motion failed. Olsen made a motion, seconded by Saunders to approve a total budget of \$183,834. The motion passed with a vote of 5 in favor (Scherban, Olsen, Saunders, Welch and NejdI) and 1 opposed (Carr).

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TAX COLLECTOR

Welch made a motion, seconded by Olsen to approve a total budget of \$155,737. The motion passed with a vote of 5 in favor (Welch, Olsen, Scherban, Saunders and NejdI) and 1 opposed (Carr).

PROBATE COURT

Saunders made a motion, seconded by Olsen to approve a total budget of \$4,524. The motion was unanimously approved.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Carr recused himself from all discussions and voting in regards to the Economic Development budget. Olsen made a motion, seconded by Saunders to approve a total budget of \$7,250. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 in favor (Saunders, Olsen, Scherban, Welch and NejdI). Carr did not vote.

INLAND WETLANDS

Olsen made a motion, seconded by Saunders to approve a total budget of \$79,361. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 in favor (Olsen, Scherban, Saunders and Welch) and 2 opposed (Carr and NejdI).

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Saunders made a motion, seconded by Carr and unanimously approved a total budget of \$4,650.

PLANNING & ZONING

Olsen made a motion, seconded by Saunders and unanimously approved a total budget of \$161,511.

WSAM MAINTENANCE

Carr made a motion, seconded by NejdI to approve a total budget of \$203,352. The motion failed to pass with a vote of 3 in favor (NejdI, Carr and Welch) and 3 opposed (Saunders, Olsen and Scherban). Olsen made a motion, seconded by Saunders to approve a total budget of \$246,914. The motion passed with a vote of 4 in favor (Welch, Saunders, Scherban and Olsen) and 2 opposed (Carr and NejdI).

FIRE DEPARTMENT

NejdI made a motion, seconded by Olsen and unanimously approved a total budget of \$333,000.

FIRE MARSHAL

Saunders made a motion, seconded by Olsen and unanimously approved a total budget of \$59,000.

COMMUNICATIONS

NejdI made a motion, seconded by Welch to approve a total budget of \$613,378. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 in favor (Scherban, Olsen, Welch, Saunders, NejdI) and 1 opposed (Carr).

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POLICE

Carr made a motion, seconded by NejdI to approve a total budget of \$2,629,807. Welch made a motion, seconded by Olsen to amend the motion and add \$2,300 back into the budget to fund the canine program. The amended motion passed with a vote of 3 in favor (Saunders, Olsen and Welch), 1 opposed (NejdI) and 2 abstentions (Carr and Scherban). Olsen made a motion, seconded by Saunders to approve a total budget of \$2,632,107. The motion passed with a vote of 5 in favor (Olsen, Scherban, Welch, NejdI and Saunders) and 1 opposed (Carr).

ANIMAL CONTROL

Olsen made a motion, seconded by Welch to approve a total budget of \$71,834. The motion passed with a vote of 4 in favor (Olsen, Welch, Saunders and Scherban) and 2 opposed (Carr and NejdI).

CIVIL PREPAREDNESS

NejdI made a motion, seconded by Saunders and unanimously approved a total budget of \$5,600.

WATER HYDRANTS

Saunders made a motion, seconded by Olsen to approve a total budget of \$420,195. The motion passed with a vote of 5 in favor (Olsen, Scherban, Welch, Saunders and NejdI) and 1 opposed (Carr).

STREET LIGHTING

Saunders made a motion, seconded by Olsen to approve a total budget of \$126,275. The motion passed with a vote of 5 in favor (Olsen, Saunders, Welch, Scherban and NejdI) and 1 opposed (Carr).

PUBLIC WORKS

Welch made a motion, seconded by Saunders to approve a total budget of \$1,845,456. The motion passed with a vote of 5 in favor (Olsen, Saunders, Welch, Scherban and Carr) and 1 opposed (NejdI).

TECHNOLOGY

Saunders made a motion, seconded by Welch to approve a total budget of \$308,043. The motion passed with a vote of 5 in favor (Olsen, Saunders, Welch, Scherban and NejdI) and 1 opposed (Carr).

WATER POLLUTION

NejdI made a motion, seconded by Carr to approve a total budget of \$84,460. \$10,000 was taken out of professional services for a total line item of \$25,000. The motion was unanimously approved.

BUILDING

NejdI made a motion, seconded by Saunders to approve a total budget of \$125,567. The motion passed with a vote of 5 in favor (Olsen, Saunders, Scherban, Welch and NejdI) and 1 opposed (Carr).

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HEALTH

Saunders made a motion, seconded by Olsen to approve a total budget of \$150,041. The motion was unanimously approved.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Carr made a motion, seconded by Olsen and unanimously approved a total budget of \$1,800.

PARK & RECREATION

Olsen made a motion, seconded by Saunders and unanimously approved a total budget of \$222,933.

HARBOR

Nejdl made a motion, seconded by Carr and unanimously approved a total budget of \$39,760.

SHELLFISH COMMISSION

Saunders made a motion, seconded by Olsen and unanimously approved a total budget of \$2,500.

HUMAN SERVICES

Saunders made a motion, seconded by Olsen and unanimously approved a total budget of \$268,186. The motion passed with a vote of 4 in favor (Olsen, Saunders, Welch and Scherban) and 2 opposed (Nejdl and Carr).

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Murphy reduced the Health and Life line item by \$220,000 for a total line item of \$1,676,669. Saunders made a motion, seconded by Olsen to approve a total budget of \$5,096,477. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 in favor (Scherban, Welch, Olsen, Saunders and Nejdl) and 1 opposed (Carr).

OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Middlesex Hospital Paramedic line item was reduced to \$13,260. That line item remained flat. Saunders made a motion, seconded by Welch to approve a total budget of \$279,020. Olsen made a motion, seconded by Carr to amend the motion and take out the \$7,000 for the pump out boat. The amended motion passed with a vote of 4 in favor (Olsen, Saunders, Carr and Nejdl) and 2 opposed (Welch and Scherban). Olsen made a motion, seconded by Saunders to approve a total budget of \$272,020. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 in favor (Olsen, Scherban, Nejdl, Carr and Saunders) and 1 opposed (Welch).

DEBT TOWN

Saunders made a motion, seconded by Olsen and unanimously approved a total budget of \$1,847,646.

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CAPITAL TOWN

Selectman

Nejdl made a motion, seconded by Carr to reduce GIS Implementation to \$40,000. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 in favor (Nejdl, Carr, Scherban, Saunders, Welch) and 1 opposed (Olsen).

Welch made a motion, seconded by Nejdl to eliminate \$20,000 for the Library second floor carpet. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 in favor (Olsen, Saunders, Nejdl, Carr) and 2 against (Welch and Scherban). Nejdl made a motion, seconded by Saunders to approve a total Selectmen capital budget of \$82,000. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 in favor (Scherban, Saunders, Welch, Carr and Nejdl) and 1 opposed (Olsen).

Technology

Saunders made a motion, seconded by Nejdl and unanimously approved a total budget of \$104,145.

Fire

Welch made a motion, seconded by Saunders and unanimously approved a total budget of \$143,000.

Police

Nejdl made a motion, seconded by Olsen and unanimously approved a total budget of \$69,775.

Public Works

Saunders made a motion, seconded by Olsen and unanimously approved a total budget of \$8,000.

Town Infrastructure

Olsen made a motion, seconded by Welch to approval a total budget of \$484,000. Carr made a motion, seconded by Nejdl to amended the motion and reduce the budget by \$84,000. The amended motion was approved with a vote of 4 in favor (Scherban, Nejdl, Carr, Saunders) and 2 opposed (Welch and Olsen). Saunders made a motion, seconded by Olsen to approve a total budget of \$400,000. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 in favor (Saunders, Olsen, Scherban, Nejdl and Carr) and 1 opposed (Welch).

Park & Recreation

Saunders made a motion, seconded by Scherban and unanimously approved a total budget of \$35,000.

The total capital budget for the town is \$841,920.

Total Town Budget

Saunders made a motion, seconded by Olsen to approve a total town budget of \$17,597,599 which represents an overall increase of 1.76 percent and send it to a public hearing. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 in favor (Saunders, Olsen, Welch, Scherban and Nejdl) and 1 opposed (Carr).

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2017/18 BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET

Operating Budget

Olsen made a motion, seconded by Saunders to approve a total operating budget of \$32,757,815 which represents an increase of 3.77 percent. The motion passed with a vote of 4 in favor (Olsen, Welch, Saunders and Scherban) and 2 opposed (Carr and NejdI).

Capital Budget

NejdI made a motion, seconded by Carr to reduce the System Wide capital budget by \$60,000 for a total capital budget of \$292,738. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 in favor (Carr, NejdI, Scherban, Welch and Olsen) and 1 opposed (Saunders).

Debt

Carr made a motion, seconded by Olsen and unanimously approved a total budget of \$1,949,278.

Total Board of Education

Olsen made a motion, seconded by Saunders to approve a total Board of Education budget of \$34,999,831 which represents an overall increase of 5.78 percent and send it to a public hearing. The motion passed with a vote of 4 in favor (Olsen, Saunders, Welch, Scherban) and 2 against (Carr and NejdI). The public hearing is scheduled for April 12, 2017 at 7:00 PM. The total increase in the budget for both the town and Board of Education is 4.39 percent.

Olsen made a motion, seconded by Saunders and unanimously adjourned the meeting at 9:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino

Administrative Assistant