

**TOWN OF TUFTONBORO
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BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Tuesday, February 7, 2017
6:30 p.m. - Town Offices**

Present: Chairman Carla Lootens, John Libby, Tyler Phillips, Bob Theve, Selectmen's Representative Carolyn Sundquist, and Karen Koch. Vice-Chairman Steve Brinser and Helen Hartshorn were absent.

OPEN MEETING: After declaring a quorum, Chairman Lootens opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman Lootens called for review and approval of the January 3, 2017 minutes. **Motion:** Selectmen's Representative Sundquist moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Bob Theve. Vote passed 4-0. (John Libby arrived at approximately 6:35 pm and was not present to approve minutes.)

APPOINTMENTS, BUDGET RECONSIDERATIONS AND REVIEWS:

4324 Solid Waste Disposal

As the Selectmen recently agreed to increase budget 4324, Clay Gallagher was present to revisit the budget with the Budget Committee. He explained the recently increased lines (Plastic Disposal, C&D Disposal, MSW Disposal, Telephone and Electronic Disposal). Commodity prices and transportation price increases have been the biggest causes for these budget line increases. Mr. Gallagher also explained how avoided cost and revenue are derived. **Motion:** Tyler Phillips moved to approve budget 4324 Solid Waste Disposal for \$351,508, seconded by Chairman Lootens. Vote passed 5 -0.

4312 Highways and Streets

As the Selectmen recently agreed to increase budget 4312, it was revisited by the Budget Committee. Selectmen's Representative Sundquist reviewed the lines that increased within this budget (Winter Maintenance and Roadside Mowing). **Motion:** Bob Theve moved to approve budget 4312 Highways and Street for \$409,200, seconded by Tyler Phillips. Vote passed 5-0.

4194 Government Buildings

As the Selectmen recently agreed to increase budget 4194, it was revisited by the Budget Committee. This budget was affected as the pricing for the Town's contract with Cory Hunter increased. **Motion:** Tyler Phillips moved to approve budget 4194 Government Buildings \$132,657, seconded by Bob Theve. Vote passed 5-0.

WARRANT ARTICLES:

Self Contained Breathing Apparatus-- Motion: John Libby moved to approve this warrant article for \$42,000, seconded by Tyler Phillips. Recommended 5-0.

Library Facility Capital Reserve--(Selectmen recently increased to \$75,000.)-- **Motion:** Tyler Phillips moved to increase this warrant article to \$75,000, seconded by Bob Theve. Recommended 5-0.

Police Facility Capital Reserve Fund--(Selectmen recently increased to \$75,000.)-- **Motion:** Bob Theve moved to increase this warrant article to \$75,000, seconded by John Libby. Recommended 4-1. Tyler Phillips opposed.

Preparation and paving of Town Roads--Motion: Bob Theve moved to approve this warrant article for \$235,000, seconded by Chairman Lootens. Recommended 4-1. Tyler Phillips opposed.

Lake Road Boat Ramp-- Motion: Bob Theve moved to approve this warrant article for \$25,000, seconded by Tyler Phillips. Recommended 5-0.

Mirror Lake Boat Launch-- Motion: John Libby moved to approve this warrant article for \$9,206, seconded by Chairman Lootens. Recommended 3-2. Bob Theve and Tyler Phillips opposed. After some discussion a re-vote was taken. Recommended 4-1. Tyler Phillips opposed.

Fire/Rescue Mobile--Motion: Bob Theve moved to approve this warrant article for \$41,268, seconded by Chairman Lootens. Recommended 5-0.

Watershed Plan--Motion: Tyler Phillips moved to approve this warrant for \$15,000, seconded by Bob Theve. Recommended 5-0.

Police Vehicle--Motion: John Libby moved to approve this warrant article for \$55,000, seconded by Bob Theve. Recommended 5-0.

Town Garage Air Filtration System--Motion: Bob Theve moved to approve this warrant article for \$13,000, seconded by Tyler Phillips. Recommended 5-0.

Mount Washington Valley Supports Recovery--Motion: Bob Theve moved to approve this warrant article for \$500, seconded by Chairman Lootens. Recommended 4-1. John Libby opposed.

Pier 19 Crosswalk--Motion: Tyler Phillips moved to approve this warrant article for \$10,000 (only \$1,000 to be raised from taxation), seconded by Selectmen's Representative Sundquist. Recommended 3-2 Bob Theve and Carla Lootens opposed.

Contingency Fund--Motion: Bob Theve moved to approve this warrant article for \$5,000, seconded by Chairman Lootens. Recommended 4-1. John Libby opposed

Operating Budget--This will be approved after the public hearing.

NEW BUSINESS: Selectmen' Representative Sundquist shared that anticipated 2017 revenue would be \$1,181,100 without fund balance; with fund balance added the total is \$1,478,100.

OLD BUSINESS: No other budgets were requested to be revisited.

MEETING DATES: The Budget Committee Public Hearing will be February 15, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Town House, with a snow date of February 17, 2017. The Budget Committee will meet at 6:00 pm prior to the public hearing.

PUBLIC INPUT: Selectmen's Representative Sundquist answered a question regarding revenue for Max Ledoux.

Motion: On a motion made by Bob Theve, seconded by Tyler Phillips. Vote passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Prepared and submitted by: Karen Koch