

**TOWN OF TUFTONBORO  
BUDGET COMMITTEE  
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**BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Tuesday, October 1, 2019**

**6:30 p.m. - Town Offices**

**Present:** Chairman Hunt, Bob Theve, Guy Pike, Thomas Young, Barry Ennis, Selectmen's Representative Albee and Karen Koch. Vice-Chairman Hartshorn was absent.

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

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Guy Pike shared his appreciation for the public's behavior at the recent world track and field competition.

**REVIEW/APPROVAL OF 7/30/19 MINUTES:** Tom Young moved to approve the July 30, 2019 minutes as written, seconded by Bob Theve. Vote passed 6-0.

**CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS:** Chairman Hunt inquired as to the status of Mr. Young and Selectmen's Representative Albee's review of the Town's health insurance. Selectmen's Representative Albee responded that quotes have been requested but nothing has been reviewed yet. He also noted to Chairman Hunt that the Selectmen will continue to keep pay and benefits separated even though the Budget Committee may want to look at an employee's overall benefit package. Discussion followed. Selectmen's Representative Albee and Mr. Young will report back at the next Budget Committee meeting.

**BUDGET REVIEWS**

**4240 BUILDING**

Jack Parsons presented the Building budget. The 2020 budget increased \$406 from 2019.

**01-4240-20-190 Vehicle Maintenance/Mileage:** Budget request was reduced \$400.

**01-4240-11-635 Fuel:** Budget request was reduced \$300.

Rather than add to the 2020 budget, Mr. Parsons purchased necessary computer software this year with leftover funds.

**Motion:** Bob Theve moved to approve \$65,847 for budget 4240, seconded by Tom Young. Vote passed 5-0. Guy Pike abstained.

**4442 DIRECT ASSISTANCE**

Selectmen's Representative Albee shared that 2019 expenditures are low but there is an anticipated need for 2020 so the budget request remained the same.

**Motion:** Guy Pike moved to approve \$21,750 for budget 4442, seconded by Selectmen's Representative Albee. Vote passed 6-0.

**4583 PATRIOTIC PURPOSES**

**Motion:** Bob Theve moved to approve \$1500 for budget 4583, seconded by Guy Pike. Vote passed 6-0.

**4589 GIFTS & DONATIONS**

**Motion:** Bob Theve moved to approve \$500 for budget 4589, seconded by Tom Young. Vote passed 6-0.

**4711 LONG TERM BOND & NOTES**

**Motion:** Tom Young moved to approve \$153,711 for budget 4711, seconded by Selectmen's Representative Albee. Vote passed 6-0.

**4721 INTEREST-LONG TERM BOND & NOTES**

**Motion:** Bob Theve moved to approve \$30,620 for budget 4721, seconded by Guy Pike. Vote passed 6-0.

#### 4324 SOLID WASTE

As Clay Gallagher is unable to meet with the Committee until 10/29/19, the Committee had a preliminary review of this budget. Discussion followed. Guy Pike would like to see a breakdown of the avoided costs as was done in years past.

**01-4324-30-341 Telephone:** Chairman Hunt shared his concern regarding the telephone cost of \$150 per month. Selectman Wood was in attendance and shared the history of the internet connectivity and bundling package savings with Spectrum versus the previous provider. Selectmen's Representative Albee will look into further potential savings for this service. **Motion:** Guy Pike moved to table this budget, seconded by Tom Young. Vote passed 6-0.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### CIP UPDATE:

Tom Young shared that CIP has met several times. They met with the Fire Department, Selectmen and Transfer Station. As State funding is in turmoil and funding of any additional projects has been pushed out until FY2031, CIP moved the Sodom Road bridge and Tuftonboro Neck Road bridge replacement projects out to 2030. There was further discussion regarding State funding as well as other CIP projects including Transfer Station weight scales, electronic message sign with radar capability, trash compactor and Highway Department dump truck.

##### BOS UPDATE:

Selectmen's Representative Albee shared that the Selectmen completed the MS-1. The Town valuation totaled approximately \$1.2 billion. The tax rate will be set soon. Actual revenues are either meeting estimates or exceeding them. The Selectmen are continuing to look at budgets and are working on ongoing issues with the Highway Department. The paving budget will be approximately \$300,000 versus \$285,000 last year. The Selectmen are working on the 19 Mile Bay Pier project. An estimate may not be available in time for this to be on the 2020 warrant. The Lake Road project may be separated from this project and placed as an individual warrant article.

##### NHMA BUDGET WORKSHOP:

Chairman Hunt, Vice-Chairman Hartshorn, Bob Theve, Guy Pike, Tom Young, and Barry Ennis attended the informative NHMA budget workshop held on 9/26/19. Discussion followed.

##### QUARTERLY REPORTS:

**Expenditures:** Monthly expenditure reports will be emailed to the Budget Committee.

**Revenue Report:** Selectmen's Representative Albee responded to Tom Young that the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) doesn't allow inclusion of real estate taxes in anticipated revenue.

##### PUBLIC INPUT

Guy Pike shared that he has found Joe Kowalski's videography of the Selectmen's meetings very helpful for being prepared for budget discussions.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion:** At 7:22 pm, Guy Pike moved to adjourn, seconded by Bob Theve. Vote passed 6-0.

The next Budget Committee meeting will be held 10/15/2019.

Prepared and submitted by: Karen Koch