

TOWN OF TUFTONBORO BUDGET COMMITTEE

240 Middle Road, Center Tuftonboro, NH 03816

MEETING MINUTES

January 4, 2022

Present: Chairman Gordon Hunt, Vice Chairman Barry Ennis. *Members:* Selectmen's Rep Chip Albee, Gary Chehames, Chris Sawyer, Bob Theve. *Other Attendees:* Selectman Guy Pike. *Staff:* Jane Lemire.

Not Present: Penny Hug

I. Call to Order

Chairman Hunt called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Quorum declared followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Public Input: None forthcoming.

IV. Review/Approval of December 14, 2021 Minutes

In regards to the approval of the 11/23/21 minutes, Mr. Chehames stated that the minutes were incomplete as his full statement was excluded from his motion. He then read to the committee his full motion/statement which he would like to be recorded as part of the record.

A motion was made by Selectman Albee to accept the presented minutes as amended; seconded by Ms. Sawyer. Motion passed unanimous.

V. Chairman's Comments: None.

VI. Budget Review

4612 Conservation

Chairman of the Conservation Commission, Steve Scapicchio, attended to answer questions and review the budget with the budget committee. Chairman Hunt asked about the new line item for Great Meadow. Chairman Scapicchio explained that when applying for grants, organizations need to show money set aside for the project to be considered for matching funds. The Conservation Commission is applying for three grants this spring. Chairman Hunt also asked about unspent money for water monitoring. Chairman Scapicchio stated that the water monitoring is for Winter Harbor and Mirror Lake and that the invoices were submitted end of December in the amount of \$2,700.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Theve to accept the 2022 Budget for account 4612 Conservation as suggested by the BOS in the amount of \$18,800.00; seconded by Ms. Sawyer. Motion passed unanimous.

4155 Personnel Administration

Selectman Albee reviewed the budget with the group and mentioned that costs for health insurance and unemployment compensation were reduced; and that social security saw an increase. Overall, the 2022 budget is up \$2,551.00 from 2021. Total compensation was discussed including the fully paid health care. The group discussed the pros and cons of an employee contributing to their health care benefit. Ms. Sawyer suggested that in the future, this budget should be looked at earlier on the calendar versus the end.

A motion was made by Chairman Hunt to accept the 2022 Budget for account 4155 Personnel Administration as suggested by the BOS in the amount of \$635,555.00; seconded by Mr. Chehames. Motion passed 5-1.

VII. Correspondence - None.

VIII. New Business

A. BOS Update

Selectman Albee reviewed a list of possible warrant articles. The BOS have seriously discussed the Union Wharf project as well as the Paving and Neighborhood Paving items. Engine 2 has a final payment that will be made. Selectman Albee stated that an additional \$267k is needed for the police building. The warrant articles will be ready for the budget committee's review for the next meeting on 1/18/22. On Monday, 1/10/22 the revenue report will be available.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Sawyer and seconded by Mr. Theve to adjourn the January 4, 2022 meeting. Motion passed unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

*Respectively submitted by Jane Lemire, Town of Tuftonboro Budget Committee Secretary
January 7, 2022*