TOWN OF TUFTONBORO BUDGET COMMITTEE

240 Middle Road, Center Tuftonboro, NH 03816

MEETING MINUTES January 18, 2022

<u>Present</u>: Chairman Gordon Hunt, Vice Chairman Barry Ennis. <u>Members</u>: Selectmen's Rep Chip Albee, Gary Chehames, Bob Theve. <u>Other Attendees</u>: Selectman Guy Pike. <u>Staff</u>: Jane Lemire. Not Present: Penny Hug, Chris Sawyer

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 January 4, 2022 Minutes

A motion to accept the Minutes of January 4, 2022 as presented was made by Mr. Theve and seconded by Vice Chairman Ennis. Motion passed unanimous.

V. Chairman's Comments: None.

VI. Warrant Articles

Chairman Hunt read aloud each of the following warrant articles and he and Selectman Albee had discussion with the group and answered questions from the group. All warrant articles were reviewed and discussed; in particular, Warrant Articles E and G each had considerable discussion. Selectman Albee stated that the verbiage of some warrant articles may be changed after legal review, however, the content will not change.

After reviewing all warrant articles, Chairman Hunt suggested that the articles be rearranged when presented at the public hearing.

Article A: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$124,625.00) to pay a fourth and final installment toward the fire truck acquired in 2018 as approved by voters pursuant to Article 6 of the 2018 Town Meeting. The principal amount is \$120,209.83 and the interest is \$4,415.17. This five-year lease agreement contains an escape clause.

Motion: Chairman Hunt moved to approve this warrant article; seconded by Mr. Theve. Vote passed unanimously 5-0.

Article B: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) for the preparation and paving of Town Roads.

Motion: Chairman Hunt moved to approve this warrant article; seconded by Mr. Theve. Vote passed unanimously 5-0.

Article C: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for the preparation and paving of Tuftonboro Neighborhood Roads.

Motion: Mr. Theve moved to approve this warrant article; seconded by Mr. Chehames. Vote passed unanimously 5-0.

Article D: To see if the Town will vote to establish a contingency fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further, to raise and appropriate Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to put in the fund. Said sum to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance. Any appropriation left in the fund at year end will lapse into the general fund.

Motion: Chairman Hunt moved to approve this warrant article; seconded by Mr. Theve. Vote passed unanimously 5-0.

Article E: To see if the Town will vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund, to be known as the Police Vehicle Expendable Trust Fund, for the purpose of purchasing, equipping and refitting police vehicles for the Town of Tuftonboro, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00) to be placed into this fund: furthermore to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend both principal and interest from this fund.

Motion: Chairman Hunt moved to approve this warrant article; seconded by Mr. Chehames. Vote passed unanimously 5-0.

Article F: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to purchase a baler and container for storage at the Transfer Station.

Motion: Mr. Theve moved to approve this warrant article; seconded by Mr. Chehames. Vote passed unanimously 5-0.

Article G: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred and Sixty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$468,000.00) as additional funding, for the construction of the new Police Facility.

Motion: Selectmen's Representative Albee moved to approve this warrant article; seconded by Mr. Theve. Vote passed 4-1; Vice Chairman Ennis opposed.

Article H: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Eighty-Seven Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars (\$287,500.00) for the repair of Union Wharf.

Motion: Chairman Hunt moved to approve this warrant article; seconded by Mr. Theve. Vote passed unanimously 5 – 0.

Article I: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of Four Million Three Hundred and Sixty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$4,369,340.00) for general Town Operations. The Selectmen recommended Four Million Three Hundred Eighty-Four Thousand Three Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$4,384,340.00). This article does not include any special or individual warrant articles.

Motion: Chairman Hunt moved to approve this warrant article; seconded by Mr. Theve. Vote passed unanimously 5-0.

VII. Correspondence - None.

VIII. New Business

A. BOS Update

Selectman Albee reviewed each line item of the 2021 Estimated Revenue report and answered questions from the group. The budget was up by approximately \$60,000.00.

The next scheduled budget committee meeting is February 8, 2022. Selectman Albee stated that the BOS are meeting on Monday, January 23, 2022 and he will confirm that the warrant articles will be ready for the budget committee's meeting.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Theve and seconded by Vice Chairman Ennis to adjourn the January 18, 2022 meeting. Motion passed unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Lemire, Town of Tuftonboro Budget Committee Secretary January 21, 2022