

TOWN OF TUFTONBORO
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING and PUBLIC HEARING

240 Middle Road, Center Tuftonboro, NH 03816

MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 10, 2022

Present: Chairman Gordon Hunt. Members: Selectmen's Rep Chip Albee, Gary Chehames, Chris Sawyer, Bob Theve. Not Present: Vice Chairman Barry Ennis, Penny Hug. Staff: Jane Lemire.

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 Hearing

- **Budget Committee Suggested Operating Budget**

Chairman Hunt proceeded by reading aloud each department's 2021 budget total and the 2022 budget total. (See attached). He gave a brief overview of each department's goals and answered pertinent questions from the group.

Chairman Hunt reported that the BOS decided upon a revaluation of property in 2022 thus resulting in the need of an additional \$40,000.00 being added to the assessor budget for this purpose. Property valuations are typically done every five years; however, due to the substantial increase in property values because of the present-day housing market/economy, the BOS determined a revaluation should take place in 2022.

The 2022 total operating budget total (including the added expense of revaluation of property) is \$4,409,340.00, an approximate 4.85% increase over last year's budget of \$4,195,600.00.

- **Warrant Articles**

Chairman Hunt proceeded by reading aloud each of the ten warrant articles as well as answering pertinent questions from the group. (See attached).

- **2022 Estimated Revenue**

Chairman Hunt reviewed and read aloud the 2022 estimated revenue report as well as answering pertinent questions from the group. (See attached).

IV. Suspend Public Hearing

Public Hearing ended at 7:36 p.m.

V. Reconvene to Budget Committee Meeting

VI. Review/Approval of January 18, 2022 Minutes

A motion to accept the Minutes of January 18, 2022 as presented was made by Mr. Theve and seconded by Ms. Sawyer. Motion passed unanimous.

VII. Chairman's Comments – None.

VIII. Final Review and Adoption of Budget and Warrant Articles

Motion: Selectmen's Rep Chip Albee moved to approve the updated 2022 budget of \$4,409,340.00 and all ten warrant articles as presented; seconded by Mr. Theve. A roll call vote followed. Vote passed 5 – 0.

IX. Other Business

A. BOS Update – Chip Albee
No update.

B. Other
Chairman Hunt thanked Bob Theve for his many years of service as a committee member and previous vice chairman. Chairman Hunt also thanked Vice Chairman Barry Ennis for his years of service.

X. Adjournment

There being no further a business, a motion was made by Ms. Sawyer and seconded by Mr. Chehames to adjourn the February 10, 2022 meeting. Motion passed unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Jane Lemire, Town of Tuftonboro Budget Committee Secretary
February 14, 2022*