

BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 15, 2018

Members Present: Winston Wright, Martin Nolan, Andrew Wood, Kathy Stark, Ben Thomas Virginia Doerpholz, Debbie Favreau, and Selectman's Representative, Nancy Carney

Members Absent: Carl Hagstrom

Mr. Wright facilitated the meeting in the absence of Mr. Hagstrom and called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Mr. Nolan made a motion to accept the minutes with a correction to the date. Ms. Doerpholz made a second. All members voted in favor with an abstention by Mr. Thomas.

Mr. Wright called upon Land Use, where Suzanne Gray introduced herself and presented the budget. She noted a correction to Line 320 Legal. That line should be zero and the amount should be placed in Executive. Mr. Nolan asked what it was. Ms. Gray responded that it might be for the Solar Project, but there hasn't been a plan submitted yet. She also shared that salaries in line 120 has been reduced because the land use assistant is now working less hours than the previous assistant. Ms. Favreau stated the telephone plan was changed resulting in a savings so members agreed to reduce line 341 by \$150. The total amount requested is now \$40181.

With no further questions, Mr. Wright thanked Ms. Gray and proceeded to call upon the Library.

Richard Goettle and Nick Noyes were there to present the Library budget. Mr. Goettle indicated that the total compensation showed an increase of 4.2%. This was due to the 3% cost of living increase and some step increases. The non-compensation is up 8.2%. This is partly due to the increase in oil prices. Mr. Wood asked about the one-time expense on line 840. Kate Thomas stepped in to explain that they want to create a logo, consistent with the Library's mission, to make their look more visible and recognizable. They are contracting with local Coni Porter, whose price came in much lower than the others contacted. Ms. Doerpholz commented that there are lots of programs the Library offers, but not everyone is aware of them and that is why branding is so important.

Mr. Wright thanked Mr. Goettle and Mr. Noyes and then called upon Recreation.

Cindi Beede presented the budget for the Recreation Department. Mr. Wright asked if there were any changes in the salaries. Ms. Beede shared that there were none and she does not know from one year to the next, who will be returning to work as counselors. She and the recreation director both receive a stipend and there are no increases. Also unknown is the number of children participating. This year there were 38 children in the program and some of the days were canceled due to the weather. Mr. Wood inquired about the increase in line 318 Labor Contract Services. Ms. Beede replied they had two large events and they hired a DJ, Games 2 go and they had to pay to get the ski hill mowed. Mr. Nolan suggested reducing line 341, telephone, by \$100 to be consistent across the departments. Mr. Wright noticed there was no amount for Training, Line 830. Ms. Beede stated that it was for criminal background checks, but that amount is now placed in line 560. She also shared that she has given up on hiring a lifeguard. They have cut back on the swimming and stated they frequent lakes that have their own lifeguards.

With nothing further to discuss, Mr. Wright thanked Ms. Beede for her time.

Mr. Wood made a motion to adjourn with a second by Mr. Thomas. All voted in favor. Mr. Wright stated there was no meeting next week, Thanksgiving, and adjourned at 8:12pm.

Submitted by,

Marion Wheeler