

BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 3, 2019

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

Mr. Hagstrom began the meeting at 7:01 pm.

Minutes: Ms. Stark made a motion to accept and Mr. Nolan seconded. All members voted in favor

Members were provided with a report of Expenditures and Fund Transfers. Mr. Hagstrom asked about the high cost of government buildings. Ms. Favreau explained that there is an extensive steeple repair on the Town Hall and instead of taking money out of the expendable trust fund, they would overspend the budget. To date, \$82,000 has been spent for column work, steeple work, architecture and planning, and steeple jack engineering. Mr. Baker commented that they don't have a full idea of costs at this time, still exploring the work that needs to be done. He believes it was better to use the funds we have instead of asking for more and they would like to have a better idea of the cost for future work. Moving forward to next year, the expendable trust fund will be used. Mr. Hagstrom asked if this was to be a phased project, for which Mr. Baker said it could be.

Concerning government buildings, Mr. Thomas asked why the Library was not included. Ms. Favreau answered that it has always been a separate entity per state statute.

Code Enforcement: Mr. Hagstrom asked who the code enforcer is. Ms. Carney stated that those duties are done by the Selectman. Ms. Favreau added that Sheryl White works 5 hours per week on administration and that the number of building permits issued this year is less than last year.

CIP: The only item not recommended by the CIP committee was the walkway at the Library. Mr. Nolan explained that the bricks need leveling in some areas, especially near the entrance. The estimate to repair was too high, at \$2800, and the CIP Committee felt it could be done by the town at a much lower cost. The bricks are in good condition and can be reused.

Selectman's Budget: It was noted that the postage amount is reduced. Mr. Nolan questioned why we need funds for Line 391 Registry of Deeds. Ms. Favreau stated current use and land use

changes need to be recorded by the NH Registry of Deeds. Mr. Wood asked about Line 560 Dues & Subscriptions needing \$2000 more than spent to date and Ms. Favreau replied that it was for NH Municipal Association and they are billed at the end of the year.

With no other questions or concerns, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Submitted by Marion Wheeler