

BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES

OCTOBER 26, 2017

Members Present: Carl Hagstrom, Win Wright, Ben Thomas, Martin Nolan, Andrew Wood, Natasha Michelson, Debbie Favreau, and Selectman's Representative, Nancy Carney

Members Absent: Kathy Stark

Mr. Hagstrom opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Ms. Favreau distributed all of the department budgets that had been submitted and members proceeded to arrange them into their budget binders.

Mr. Hagstrom passed around the roster of committee members and asked that everyone check their information and make corrections as needed. Ms. Favreau will update the list and will have them available to members at the next meeting.

Natasha Michelson made a motion to nominate Carl Hagstrom as Chairman of the Budget Committee. Ben Thomas seconded and all members voted in favor.

Carl Hagstrom made a motion to nominate Win Wright as Vice Chairman. Ben Thomas seconded and the motion was passed.

Win Wright made a motion to nominate Martin Nolan as CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) Representative. Carl Hagstrom seconded and the motion was passed.

Committee members examined the Library and Land Use budgets for next week's agenda.

Library Budget:

The first item discussed was the number of employees. Mr. Hagstrom noticed there was no overtime allocated. This was because Kate Thomas is the only full time employee and she is a salaried employee. Ms. Favreau added that the town's health insurance plan had a 6.2% decrease. Mr. Hagstrom asked Mr. Nolan about the price of heating oil. He shared that it may go up, but only slightly. Ms. Favreau talked about the 2% cost of living increase afforded to all town employees effective April 1st of next year and noted that this was included in their numbers. Mr. Hagstrom stated that there doesn't seem to be much that has increased.

Land Use:

Danica is the new land use assistant, replacing Sandra Gillis. Ms. Carney stated she is a part time employee working no more than 30 hours. Mr. Wright inquired about who determined the hours for the position. Ms. Carney stated the Board of Selectman defined her position as 30 hours maximum with no benefits. Mr. Thomas questioned the ability for her to complete the necessary requirements in the allotted time. Ms. Favreau shared that the workload has decreased and Ms. Carney said that we are now approaching the colder months. Mr. Hagstrom stated that their budget looks good.

With no further comments, Mr. Hagstrom adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Submitted by,

Marion Wheeler