

Town of Newington, NH  
Budget Committee Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, December 6, 2017 Town Hall

Chair John Lamson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

**Present:** John Lamson-Chair, Brandon Arsenaault-Vice Chair, Sandra Sweeney, Katherine Latchaw, Rick Stern, James Belanger, Jennifer Kent Wiener, David Mueller, School Board Rep., Ted Connors-Selectmen's rep., Jack O'Reilly, Chair Library Board of Trustees/ Vice Chair Recreation Committee, Lara Barry, Library Director, Rebecca Navelski, Recreation Committee, Andy Head, Fire Chief, James Fabrizio, Fire Engineer, Michael Marconi, Selectman and Martha Roy, Town Administrator.

**D. Mueller moved to approve the minutes of September 20, 2017. J. Belanger seconded the motion. R. Stern, Katherine Latchaw and J. Kent Weiner abstained with all remaining in favor.**

**S. Sweeney moved to approve the revised Budget Committee schedule. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Library Budget Review:**

**J. Belanger moved to tentatively approve the library budget of \$193,577.**

**S. Sweeney seconded the motion.**

J. O'Reilly stated that the wage line has increased due to the library opening an additional day beginning in July. The Director's hours will be increased to 35 hours a week. Discussion ensued about cola/merit increases, non-resident fees, NH Retirement System participation, health insurance, snow removal and the increased usage of the library by the community.

**J. Lamson called for a vote on the Library budget and all were in favor of \$193,577.**

**Recreation Budget Review:**

**D. Mueller moved to tentatively approve the Recreation budget of \$52,000. B. Arsenaault seconded the motion.**

J. O'Reilly stated that there are two major changes to the budget proposed in 2018. The first change is an increase in the number of days for summer camp each week, from 4 to 5. The second is allowing non-resident, tuitioned Newington School students to attend the summer camp at full cost to the student. Discussion ensued on the summer camp staff, the removal of the movie passes and the addition of adult programs.

**J. Lamson called for a vote on the Recreation budget and all were in favor of \$52,000.**

**Fire Department Budget Review:** The Fire Chief informed the Committee that the Fire Engineers are revisiting the wage and benefit lines of the Fire Department budget and would like to delay review of this section until a later date. The Committee agreed to review this section of the budget on January 17<sup>th</sup>. The Committee continued with review of the Operations section of the budget.

**D. Mueller moved to tentatively approve the Operations portion of the Fire Department budget (lines 275-999) in the amount of \$160,840. J. Belanger seconded the motion.** The computers are outdated and a plan is being followed to replace them. An on-line version of the NFPA Codes and Standards is now available rather than the hard copy books. Discussion ensued regarding uniforms, SCBA masks (the department is replacing 5 or 6), EPI Pens, radio Maintenance, budgeting methods and thermal imagers (the department is replacing 5).

**J. Lamson called for a vote on the Fire Department Operations budget and all were in favor of \$160,840.**

**D. Mueller moved to adjourn at 8:12 pm. R. Stern seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Martha S. Roy  
Town Administrator